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IMPORTANT FROM VICKSBURGH.

Desperate Fighting on Monday, December 29.

Concentration of the Rebel Forces 65,000 Strong.

Struggle at the Last Line of Fortifications.

The Whole Rebel Army Hurled Against General Sherman.

Our Forces Pushed Back to the First Line.

Our Losses Estimated at from 2,000 to 5,000.

RUMORED DEATH OF GEN. MORGAN.

General Sherman Confident of Ultimate Success.

CAIRO, Ill., Wednesday, Jan. 7.

We have one day's later intelligence from Vicksburgh, which is highly interesting and exciting.

The rebels have concentrated all their forces from Jackson and Grenada and along the line of the road, amounting to 65,000 men, at Vicksburgh.

This overwhelming force attacked Gen. SHERMAN on Monday, and caused him to fall back to his first line of defence.

The rebel intrenchments and fortifications extend back from the city a distance of six miles.

Gen. SHERMAN's force had fought to within two miles of the city, when he was attacked by the superior force of the rebels.

The fighting on Sunday is represented as desperate in the extreme.

Batteries and fortifications were taken and retaken.

Whole regiments, and even brigades, fought hand to hand over guns, and for possession of the defences.

The Fourth Iowa Regiment lost 400 men, killed, wounded and missing.

Gen. REYNOLDS, with 1,500 men, was sent out to execute a special order, but since then has not been heard from. Fears are entertained for his safety.

Nothing has yet been heard from the National forces below, nor can we learn that our gunboats have taken any part in the action.

It is reported that rebel steamers are crossing from the Louisiana shore to Vicksburgh, and it is supposed they are carrying reinforcements to the rebels.

The last accounts stated that the rebel General BOZEMAN was marching in the direction of Vicksburgh, and it is not improbable that he has arrived there.

Gen. M. L. SMITH is wounded in the breast.

There was some fighting on Tuesday morning, after Gen. SHERMAN had fallen back, but it was thought that he could maintain his position.

The report that Gen. SHERMAN was reinforced by Gen. GRANT is incorrect.

It is reported that Gen. GORMAN is evacuating Helena, Ark., with the intention of occupying Napoleon.

Gen. SHERMAN's loss is estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000 men.

Gen. GRANT's army is yet at Holly Springs.

Trains are running on the Memphis Railroad to Lagrange.

Gen. JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON commands the rebel forces at Vicksburgh.

A DISPATCH FROM HELENA, ARK.

HELENA, ARK., Friday, Jan. 2, via CAIRO, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The battle is still raging at Vicksburgh, with no decisive results. Our forces took the main battery and the rifle-pits of the enemy on Monday, but were afterward repulsed and lost their ground.

Five cannon were taken, spiked, and lost again.

Gen. MEEKER and Col. J. E. WYMAN are killed. Col. MEEKER L. SMITH and Capt. GWIN are wounded, but not mortally.

Both armies rested on Monday night, after a hard-fought day. Our troops are still confident of victory. PRICE and VAN DORN command the rebels.

It was rumored that Gen. SHERMAN was being largely reinforced by the arrival of Gen. GRANT's Cavalry. The gunboats not doing much.

Our army is well posted, and protected in flank and rear, and will not yield the contest till Vicksburgh is in their possession.

Our loss in killed and wounded, so far, is estimated at 3,000.

The Defences of Vicksburgh.

A correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune*, who went down to Vicksburgh recently with a flag of truce, gives the following description of the defences of that place:

"The appearance of the Confederate defences in the range of vision from the point of location of the *Lexington*, while lying off Vicksburgh, was not so formidable as we had conjectured from consideration of the long time which they had for construction. We had been informed that there were large bodies of men constantly employed there, when the *Lexington* made her last previous trip under a flag of truce. They had accomplished the erection of several new works during the interval between the two trips.

We could plainly see that there was a considerable number of earthworks upon the Peninsula opposite the city, and off which the *Lexington* was lying. From the deck of the *Lexington*, DeSoto Landing was nearly opposite, and the United States Marine Hospital immediately in front of us. The range of hills in the rear of the city was covered with batteries for several miles above us, below the city, and two forts an some half dozen magazines were plainly visible. The water batteries could not be seen, but they are said to be formidable. Every effort has evidently been made to improve the long opportunity given them, and the Confederates express confidence in their ability to withstand attack.

There seemed to be little probability of severe service upon either troops in landing or when the gunboats lying at or near the position which the *Lexington* occupied. And, indeed, the only very formidable resistance it is to be expected against the vessels which will probably be called upon to assail the peninsula and advance upon the city."

The Vicksburgh Whig of the 19th contains the annexed:

"The Iberia Salt Works (on the Tanse) seem to be now pretty secure. Observations have been made in Bayou Teche, at Cooper's bridge, twelve miles below Franklin, to prevent the gunboats from going above. Strong fortifications have also been erected, and long-range guns placed in position. The gunboat Cotton is also in the neighborhood, and will render good service whenever the enemy come again. The works are situated eight miles from New-Iberia, on Petite Anse Island. Salt is selling there at 4½ cents W B."

As evidence of the alertness of the Confederates in this region respecting the prospective plans of our purposes, we quote the following from the Memphis *Appeal*, now published at Jackson, Miss.:

"The plan of attack by the enemy this Winter will, in all probability, result in a decisive movement on Jackson by the Yazoo River. As soon as the rains set in, it will become utterly impossible for large armies to advance by land through the State. The same rains, however, will raise the river so that the enemy, having control of the waters, can avail himself of them for offensive purposes. Grant's army will hardly dare to proceed much further south with the precarious line of a single railroad for the conveyance of supplies. His purpose, evidently, is to occupy the attention of our army, while they are preparing the formidable land and water expedition, which, under McClernand and Porter, will sweep down with the first flood, to gain in rear of our troops and strike at the heart of the State, before they can be successfully opposed.

Descending the Mississippi River, there is no point in all another between Friar's Point and the Yazoo River, where they can land and establish a base of operations. Entering the mouth of the Yazoo, however, we find that, twelve miles up, the hills come nearly to the left bank of the river, and here, beyond a question, their grand attempt will be made. They avoid Vicksburgh by stopping short of it, and while the iron-clads engage the batteries of that city, their army will attempt to establish them."

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The Return of Jeff. Davis to Richmond.

He Makes a Bitter Speech Against the Government.

NO MOVEMENT OF IMPORTANCE.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

News from the rebel side relative to the fight at Murfreesboro is, in effect, that they have taken 4,000 prisoners and 20 guns.

JEFF. DAVIS has returned to Richmond, where he delivered a bitter and violent speech against the National Government and its officers, denouncing us as guilty of the most enormous crimes.

Although the rebel force on our front has been greatly reduced, and the army at Fort Royal entirely withdrawn from view, it is not believed that any have been sent to reinforce BRAGG from this point; but that they have merely fallen back upon the line of railroad for greater facility in procuring supplies.

The atmosphere is much colder to-day, indicating the approach of severe weather.

No movement of importance has taken place for several days.

All is quiet to-night.

FROM GEN. HOOKER'S COMMAND.

Return of the Reconnoitering Force—A Visit to Richards' and Ellis' Fords—Attempt to Capture Rebel Pickets, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CAMPS GRAND DIVISION, Friday, Jan. 2, 1863.

The force of cavalry, artillery and infantry under the command of Gen. AVERILL, which went on a reconnoissance toward the right of the National line last Tuesday, returned to camp yesterday. The object of the expedition was to surround and capture rebel pickets in the vicinity of Richards' and Ellis' Fords; also, to seize some rebel guns which were said to be planted on the southern side of the river. Upon reaching the points mentioned, information was obtained that the enemy had removed the pieces from Richards' Ford three days previous, and from Ellis' Ford about three weeks previous. Two guns were reported to be at the former, and two of three at the latter Ford. One brigade of cavalry, and two batteries of flying artillery, with Gen. AVERILL at the head of the column, left camp early on the morning of the day specified. On the afternoon of the same day the First Division of Infantry, of Gen. MEADE's Corps, Col. JAMES BARNES, of the Eighteenth Massachusetts regiment, in command, followed in the direction taken by the cavalry. At night, the entire force bivouacked in the immediate vicinity of Hartwood. Early on the following morning, the Second Brigade, Col. J. E. SWITZLER, was dispatched to Morristown, a place situated a few miles north of Hartwood, where they had orders to remain. The First Brigade, Col. C. A. JOHNSON, was ordered to proceed to Richards' Ford on the Rappahannock, cross it, march up on the south side to Ellis' Ford, at which point they had orders to secure. The Third Brigade remained at Hartwood.

As will be readily observed, the important part to be performed was intrusted to the First Brigade, although the disposition of the two other brigades was necessary. At 11 A. M., the First Brigade reached the designated ford and crossed in safety to the opposite shore. A number of rebel videttes were discovered, who rapidly fled upon the advance of our troops. It was ascertained that the space between the two fords—a distance of seven miles—was strongly picketed, but as the pickets were all mounted, it was impossible to surround them. The rebels retired into the woods, from which they could observe all the movements of our men without being perceived themselves. The Brigade marched up on the bank of the river, without meeting with any opposition, until they came to within a short distance of Ellis' Ford, when they turned off to the left into a piece of wood, with the view of advancing suddenly out and capturing whatever rebels might be at the Ford. That the plan might be more successfully carried out, it was arranged to have a squadron of cavalry on the north bank of the Ford, who were to divert the attention of the rebels. On account of some slight misunderstanding a serious accident came very near happening. On the approach of the cavalry which accompanied the First Brigade, they were mistaken by the cavalry on the north bank for rebels, which impression was strengthened upon seeing the infantry emerge from the same wood shortly afterward. The cavalry on the north bank, immediately fled, with the belief that they were about to be pursued by a heavy force of the enemy's cavalry and infantry. A messenger, in breathless haste, galloped up to Col. BARNES, and reported what he had seen. The Colonel was a little puzzled at first, but after interrogating the messenger with reference to the number, character or position of the force on the south bank, made up his mind that it was the First Brigade which had come up from Richards' Ford, according to instructions. Half an hour later another messenger appeared, bringing the intelligence that the First Brigade had recrossed safely at Ellis' Ford, and were bivouacked on our side of the river. Of course all fear of a rebel pursuit was dispelled on the arrival of the last messenger. When advancing toward Ellis' Ford, a company of BERDAN's Sharpshooters, acting as skirmishers, was fired upon by a party of rebel pickets, from a house in front. A volley was given in reply, which had the effect to disperse the rebels, but accidentally a woman within the house was wounded. The rebels were taking dinner at the time the affair occurred. Our party observed large numbers of cattle and several herds of sheep. Two prisoners were taken, who gave their names as A. P. COX and F. D. ALEXANDER, and said they belonged to the First South Carolina Cavalry. They wore our uniform overcoats, which they said were left by our men on John's Island last Summer.

Yesterday morning the expedition again took up the line of march, and reached camp late in the afternoon. No casualties occurred on our side.

New-Year's Day was generally observed throughout the camp. Both officers and men indulged freely in amusement and entertainment.

Gen. BURNSIDE's Division was reviewed by Major-Gen. HOOKER to-day.

Review of the Third Army Corps by Gen. Burnside—Speculations as to the Future of the Army, &c.

CENTRE GRAND DIVISION, Monday, Jan. 5, 1863.

The Third Army Corps, commanded by Gen. SIGEL, was reviewed to-day by Gen. BURNSIDE. The ceremony took place on an extended plateau near the camping ground of the troops, and was witnessed by a large number of officers from other corps. The men presented a fine appearance and gave evidence of a high state of discipline.

Nothing has lately occurred within the lines to excite either a comment or paragraph of importance. Since the enjoyment of holiday festivities the men have settled down into the dull routine of military duty, and look forward with much impatience to the time when the present unsatisfactory quiet shall be succeeded by active operations against the enemy.

A multiplicity of rumors are in circulation in reference to the future disposition of the army. One day it is positively announced that another attempt is to be made to occupy the crest in the rear of Fredericksburgh, which information will be succeeded on the following day by a report to the effect that a portion *of the grand army will retire to the defences* about Washington and Alexandria, while the remaining portion will be sent off on some Southern expedition. It is credited in authoritative circles that no decisive plan has yet been arranged for the prospective movements of the army. The recent visit of Gen. BURNSIDE and other Commanders of high rank to Washington has led many to suppose that a gigantic military scheme is about to be inaugurated. It is strange with what tenacity some people adhere to an opinion formed upon absurd and unreliable rumors.

Since Gen. AVERILL's reconnoissance to Richards' and Ellis' Fords, the rebels have remained on their own side of the river. At Falmouth and Fredericksburgh the pickets of the contending parties continue to pace either bank without offering to molest each other. WHIT.

FIGHTING IN WESTERN VIRGINIA

A Rebel Attack on Col. Washburn at Moorefield.

The Rebels Repulsed and Driven Four Miles.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Wheeling *Intelligencer* of yesterday, says:

"Senator CARLILE, who has arrived from New Creek, reports that the rebels attacked our forces under Col. WASHBURN, at Moorefield, on Saturday morning, and that fighting was going on during Saturday and Sunday.

During the whole of Saturday cannonading was distinctly heard at New Creek. We had a small force stationed at Petersburgh, north of Moorefield. This force was sent to the latter place, and the baggage train came by way of a mountain road, and reached New Creek on Sunday.

On Saturday night Col. MULLIGAN, at the head of his Brigade, left New Creek for Moorefield, reaching that place on Sunday evening.

It was reported that the Union forces had driven the rebels four miles and were still pursuing them.

The rebels are commanded by Colonels JENKINS and JENKINS.

Gen. MILROY was at Winchester.

There was considerable excitement at New Creek on Sunday night. The soldiers there slept on their arms and skirmishers were out.

This precaution was taken in consequence of a report brought by those in charge of the wagon train that they had been pursued from Petersburgh by a large body of rebel cavalry.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Safety of the Boat of the Rhode Island—Nothing Further Heard of the Rest of the Monitor's Crew.

FORTRESS MONROE, Tuesday, Jan. 6, via BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The *Minnesota* arrived here last evening at 6 o'clock.

The wrecking vessel *Relief*, Capt. ROCKWELL, arrived here this forenoon. Capt. ROCKWELL reports that the boat sent out by the *Rhode Island* to rescue the rest of the crew of the *Monitor*, was picked up on the 3d inst. on Hatteras Shoals, by a coasting schooner bound to Fernandina.

The schooner got aground while picking up the boat, and seven men belonging to the *Rhode Island* were taken off by a Government tugboat and carried into Hatteras Inlet all safe.

Capt. ROCKWELL reports that the *Monitor* passed Hatteras Shoals on the morning of the 3d inst., when the weather was fine and calm, but with some sea running.

Nothing has been heard from the rest of the *Monitor's* crew.

Counterfeits.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

PETERSON's *Counterfeit Detector* says the following counterfeits are being "shoved:"

Bank of Worcester, Massachusetts, $10s altered; vignette, three female figures in the upper right; in the upper centre a small flying figure, bearing a tablet, an X on each side, and Ten across the left end. This is well done.

Charter Oak Bank of Hartford, Conn., $5s.

Explosion in an Arsenal.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

An explosion occurred to-day in the fuse-room attached to the Bridesburgh Arsenal, at Frankford, caused by carelessness. Forty pounds of powder exploded, blowing the building, a wooden structure, to pieces. Eleven persons were wounded.

FROM GEN. ROSECRANS' ARMY.

The Rebel Army Very Much Demoralized.

Their Losses Estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000.

BRECKINRIDGE WOUNDED IN THE EAR.

Their Rear Guard Attacked by Gen. Stanley's Cavalry.

BRAGG GOING TO CHATTANOOGA

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

A special dispatch to the *Commercial*, from Murfreesboro, gives additional confirmation of the demoralization of the rebel army. BRECKINRIDGE's division, who terribly punished on Friday, Gen. BRECKINRIDGE was wounded in the ear, and his Adjutant-General killed. Wounded rebel officers estimate their loss at from 12,000 to 15,000, with a great slaughter of leading officers.

Col. MURFREE, of Tennessee, mortally wounded, is in the hospital here. The body of Gen. HANSON was sent South to-day. Gen. RAINS' body was sent to Nashville.

The enemy's rear guard was encountered at 10 o'clock Sunday night by Gen. STANLEY's Cavalry. The rebels retreated with a loss of 30.

A negro from Gen. BRAGG's headquarters, who left the rebel army within five miles of Manchester, heard Gen. BRAGG say he would go to Chattanooga.

NASHVILLE, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7.

Our whole loss at Murfreesboro in killed, wounded and missing was not over 7,000. The rebel loss was from 12,000 to 15,000.

Our army is pursuing the rebels.

Our rear yesterday, eight miles beyond Murfreesboro, reported a rebel wagon train captured 19 miles beyond Murfreesboro yesterday.

The rebel Gen. RAINS was buried to-day. No demonstration was allowed.

The bodies of Gen. HANSON, Capt. TUNE, of the Sixth Kentucky, Capt. FERGUSON, of the Louisville Legion, were brought in to-day.

Considerable quantities of contraband goods were captured by our pickets.

Weather cold. The river is on a stand.

GEN. ROSECRANS' DISPATCH AMENDED.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The following is a corrected report of the message in Tuesday's paper, from Gen. ROSECRANS, of the 4th:

HEADQUARTERS FOURTEENTH ARMY CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, IN FRONT OF MURFREESBORO, Jan. 3, VIA NASHVILLE, Jan. 4.

To H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief, Washington:

On the 26th of December we marched from Nashville, in three columns, Gen. McCOOK by Nolinsville Pike; Gen. THOMAS from his encampment on Franklin's Pike, *via* Wilson Pike, and Gen. CRITTENDEN on the main Murfreesboro Pike.

Our left and centre met with a strong resistance, such as the nature of the country permits, the rolling or hilly routes, skirted by cedar thickets and farms, and intersected by small streams, with rocky bluff banks, forming serious obstacles.

Gen. McCOOK drove Gen. HARDEE's corps a mile and a half from Nollinsville, and occupied the place.

Gen. CRITTENDEN reached within a mile and a half of Lavergne.

Gen. THOMAS reached the Wilson Pike, meeting with no severe opposition.

On the 27th, Gen. McCOOK drove Gen. HARDEE from Nollinsville, and pushed a reconnoitering division within six miles of Shelbyville, who found that Gen. HARDEE had retreated toward Murfreesboro.

Gen. CRITTENDEN fought and drove the enemy before him, occupying the line of Stewart's Creek and capturing some prisoners, with slight loss.

Gen. THOMAS occupied the vicinity of Nolansville.

On the 28th, McCOOK completed his reconnoissance on HARDEE's movements. CRITTENDEN remained awaiting the result, and bringing up trains. THOMAS moved into Stewart's Creek. On the 29th, McCOOK moved into Wilkinson's Cross Roads, seven miles from Murfreesboro, on the end of a short rough pike road, through a rolling country, skirted by bluffs, covered with dense cedar thickets and open timber. CRITTENDEN pushed the enemy rapidly, saved the bridges, and reached a point within three miles of Murfreesboro, his advance driving all the outposts to within sight of the town. THOMAS' two divisions close up CRITTENDEN, and took position on his right. On the 30th, McCOOK advanced on Wilkinson's Pike, having to make his way through *dense woods, meeting with a determined resistance.* He got into position three miles from Murfreesboro, occupying the extreme right or our line. The left stood fast; the centre advanced slightly, and were engaged in cutting through an almost impenetrable growth of cedar which separated them from our right, rendering communication with them exceedingly difficult. The combat and the roughness of the country had brought forward McCOOK's right division so as to face strongly to the southeast, instead of being refaced to face the south, with the several divisions between the centre and right, and sufficiently far in the rear to support, and, if necessary, to extend it, the grave consequences of which were developed the next day.

The 31st found our left crossing the Murfreesboro Pike and Railroad—one division in front, one forming a crotchet on Stone River, and one in reserve in the centre; NEGLEY between the left and right, and ROUSSEAU in reserve. The plan of the battle was to open on the right, engage the enemy sufficiently to hold him firmly; to cross the river with our left, consisting of three divisions, (to oppose which they had but two divisions,) the country being favorable to an attack from that side of the town; but the enemy attacked the whole front of our right flank, which was partially surprised and thrown into confusion, and driven back.

Gen. SHERMAN's Division had repulsed the enemy four times and protected the flank of the centre, which not only held its own but advanced until this unforeseen event, which compelled me to retain the left wing to support the right, until it should be rallied and assume a new position.

On the 1st inst., the rebels opened by an attack on us and were again repulsed.

On the 2d inst., there was skirmishing along the line, with threats of an attack until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the enemy advanced, throwing a small division across Stone River to occupy the commanding ground there.

While reconnoitering the ground occupied by this division, which had no artillery, I saw a heavy force emerging from the woods, and advanced in line of battle three lines deep. They drove our little division before them after a sharp contest, in which we lost 70 or 80 killed and 375 wounded, but they were finally repulsed by Gen. NEGLEY's Division, and the remaining troops of the left wing of Gen. MEADE's Pioneer Brigade, and fled far over the field and beyond their intrenchments, their officers rallying them with great difficulty. They lost heavily. We occupied the ground with the left wing last night. The lines were completed at 4 o'clock in the morning.

The 3d was spent in bringing up and distributing provisions and ammunition. It has been raining all day. The ground is very heavy.

W. S. ROSECRANS, Major-General, Commanding.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE.

Thrilling Details of the Tremendous Struggle of Wednesday.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Monday and Tuesday were spent, as you have been advised, in getting the army into line and securing positions. The great contest commenced on Wednesday morning, and the account of that day I send in full.

A great deal of misapprehension prevails with regard to the nature of the battle-field at Murfreesboro, especially of that portion which was the scene of the bloody struggle of Wednesday.

Even the maps furnished to officers by the indefatigable Corps of Topographical Engineers, failed to exhibit correctly the features of the vicinity. The error seemed to be the confounding together of two distinct and separate streams—Stone River, which rises in the northern part of Rutherford County, and flows past Steward's Ferry, almost directly north of the Cumberland; and Stone River, which takes its rise in the southern extremity of Rutherford and the eastern part of Campbell, and after traversing both of these and a portion of Davidson, enters the Cumberland about ten miles below the latter.

It is the western branch of the latter which flows *past Murfreesboro, and constitutes the river of which* such frequent mention must be made in all accounts of this battle.

No map I have ever yet seen represents correctly the position of this stream, and, of course, I had not myself time to trace it out, but when our line of battle was formed in front of the town on Wednesday morning, our left wing rested upon the river, and the men of VAN CLEVE's Division filled their canteens with water from the same.

At this place the river flows almost in a northern direction, its course when passing the town being nearly due west. I noted accurately the position of the various brigades on Wednesday morning; but as there were so many complicated movements during the day, scarcely any brigade actually fighting in the same order in which it was first posted, I deem it unnecessary to mention the place of each.

Gen. McCOOK's command, which is the right wing of the army, consists of three divisions, JOHNSON's, DAVIS' and SHERMAN's, posted from right to left, in the order in which I have named them, JOHNSON's and DAVIS' being thrown forward and to the right, so as to form a line which made a considerable angle with that of the remainder of the army.

Gen. SHERMAN's Division was withdrawn somewhat on the left, and acted as a reserve for the right of the centre, commanded by Gen. THOMAS; but two divisions were present, NEGLEY's and ROUSSEAU's, stationed from right to left in the order named—ROUSSEAU's being somewhat withdrawn, and constituting the reserve on the centre. The left wing of the army, under the command of Gen. CRITTENDEN, was posted in the following order: PALMER on the right, WOOD in the centre, and VAN CLEVE on the left—a part of PALMER's, and also VAN CLEVE's being thrown slightly forward.

The enemy's line stretched transversely across Stone River, from the Lebanon pike on the right to the Franklin road on their left. At the beginning of the battle it was considerably overlapped by our own right, when McCOOK had got finally into position. HARDEE commanded the rebel left, consisting of CHEATHAM's, McCOWN's and WITHER's Divisions, McCOWN being on the extreme left of the wing and CHEATHAM in the centre. The wing was reinforced on Tuesday night by the addition of CLAIBORNE's, formerly BUCKNER's, Division.

Bishop POLK led the rebel right, consisting of PRESTON SMITH's and BRECKINRIDGE's Divisions, and Lieut.-Gen. KIRBY SMITH led the divisions in the rebel centre. The Division of BRECKINRIDGE was on the extreme rebel right. Besides these, there were several independent detachments; but it is probable that with these, and the reinforcements afterwards received, the rebel army did not outnumber, even if it equalled, our own.

The field of battle in the centre, was mostly a plain, going toward Murfreesboro. There was a slight elevation of cleared ground on both sides of the turnpike, and some patches of woodland, sufficient to conceal the greater portion of our troops until they should be ready to advance.

Behind the woods concealing our foremost lines, and to the left of those which lie on the left of the turnpike, on open and slightly elevated ground, extending to the river. This formed the key to our entire position, and it was here that the greater portion of the wagons were packed for safety.

On the left, some corn-fields extended to the river, and on the other side of the stream rose a low, wooded hill.

The ground upon the right was a succession of dense cedar thickets, and spaces where the rocks came to the surface and nothing could grow, belts of valuable timber, and small irregular-shaped fields. The pike and railroad ran near each other.

In the elevated open space which formed the key to our position from a point where our line of battle crossed both, a distance-post on the railroad intimates that it is just twenty-nine miles to Nashville. A number of houses were situated in different parts of the field, but none of them except the brick building of which the inside was burned out the day before played any important part.

The sun had not yet risen on Wednesday morning when the firing commenced upon the right. The First Missouri Battery, Capt. ROBERTS and the First Illinois, Capt. HOUGHTAIL, shelled the rebels out of a point of woods in front of SHERMAN's Division, which now slightly advanced. The enemy threw himself upon SHERMAN with terrible energy, but was thrice repulsed.

Again he advanced with larger numbers and greater desperation than before, and SHERMAN's men were compelled for a moment to give ground. It was only a moment, however. The brave and noble SHERMAN, assisted by other daring officers, soon rallied the retiring troops. The flashing banner of the stars once more advanced, and although SILL purchased the victory with his life, the rebels were repulsed and driven from this quarter of the field.

It was a few minutes after 8 when this occurred, and at the same time the sun broke forth through some cold-looking clouds and flashed a clear, bright light over the field. There had not elapsed even time to remove the body of the dead General SILL, when all attention was directed to the extreme right.

Three divisions of the enemy, McCOWN's, CLAIBORNE's and CHEATHAM's, had advanced in massive columns and charged impetuously upon JOHNSON and DAVIS. A portion of the infantry in JOHNSON's division immediately broke, almost, indeed, before they had taken their arms from the stacks, and one of the batteries, Edgerton, was taken before it fired the third round.

Poor EDGERTON! It was not his fault. A braver, better, braver young man is seldom found than he. It was his greatest ambition to take part in a battle; and I remember well how often and how earnestly he deplored that separation from the old Third Division which prevented him from taking part in the battle of Perryville.

His hour came at last. It found him ready; but those upon whom he had a right to rely to give him ample notice of the enemy's arrival failed to do so, and ere his gun could be loaded and discharged three times, the rebel bayonets had swept away his men, and he himself fell wounded and bleeding into the hands of the foe.

The gallant and earnest Capt. SIMMONS fought like a hero as he is, and brought off all but two of his guns. Capt. GOODRICH strenuously endeavored, after firing several rounds, to save his cannon but could only succeed in getting away with two of them. Gen. KIRK, of Illinois, commanding one of the brigades in JOHNSON's Division, was severely wounded while endeavoring to rally his regiment.

The enemy succeeded in getting the right flank completely hemmed in. A large number of officers of every grade were shot down while standing almost at the muzzles of the rebel muskets. The brigades and regiments rushed upon one another in disgraceful disorder, and the route of the division became irretrievable.

I suppose I shall raise a storm about my head for saying so, but I can't, from all that I have heard, come to any other conclusion than that the right wing of our army was completely surprised, and that, too, under circumstances which should have rendered it particularly careful and vigilant.

Whether Gen. McCOOK or Gen. JOHNSON is to blame for this impartial investigation will hereafter determine. At present the sentiment of the entire army is extremely hostile to both, and I imagine it will not be many days before there are important changes in leadership of the Fourteenth Army Corps.

Brigade after brigade, battery after battery, from PALMER's, NEGLEY's and ROSECRANS' Divisions, were sent into the midst of the thickets to check the progress of the foe and rally the fugitives, but all in turn *were either crushed by the flying crowds, broken by* the impetuosity of the foe, and put to confused flight, or compelled to retire and extricate themselves in the best manner that seemed to offer.

The history of the combat in those dark cedar thickets will never be known. No man could see even the whole of his regiment, and no one will ever be able to tell who they were that fought bravest, and they who proved recreant to their trust.

I know there was some cowardice displayed, but I know, too, that there was shown by many officers and regiments as lofty a heroism as that which distinguished and immortalized the followers of Godfrey or the Cid; but, in spite of heroism and devotion, in spite of desperate struggles which marked every fresh advance of the foe, in spite of awful sacrifice of life on the part of the officers and soldiers of the Union army, the rebels steadily pushed forward and came nearer to the turnpike.

Nearly two miles and half the right wing of our army had been driven, and faintness of heart came over me as the destruction of our whole army seemed to stare us in the face; but the word went forth from ROSECRANS, the flower of the left wing and centre the right.

The right of DAVIS' Division, assailed at the same time as JOHNSON's, gave way simultaneously, and the route of the remainder seemed to follow as a matter of course. This left to Gen. SHERIDAN the task of repelling the hitherto successful onset of the foe. Never did man labor more faithfully than he to perform his task, and never was a leader seconded by more gallant soldiers.

His division formed a kind of pivot upon which the broken right wing turned in its flight, and its perilous condition can easily be imagined when the flight of DAVIS' Division left it without any protection from the triumphant enemy who now swarmed upon its front and right flank; but it fought until a fourth of its number lay bleeding and dying upon the field, and till both remaining Brigade Commanders, Col. ROBERTS and Col. SCHAFFNER, had met with the same fate as Gen. SILL; then it gave way, and as in almost every instance of the kind, retreat was changed to rout only less complete than that of the troops of JOHNSON and DAVIS.

All these divisions were now hurried back together into the immense cedar thickets which skirt the turnpike, and were hurried over toward the right and massed rank behind rank in an array of imposing grandeur along the turnpike and facing to the woods through which the rebels were advancing. The scene at this time was grand and awful as anything that I ever expect to witness until the day of judgment.

I stood in the midst and upon the highest point of the somewhat elevated space, being between the turnpike and the railroad, and forming the key to our entire position. Let the rebels once obtain possession of it, and the immense train of wagons parked along the turnpike, and the Union army was irretrievably ruined. Even its line of retreat would be cut off, and nothing could save it from utter rout, slaughter and capture—and yet each minute it became more plainly evident that all the reinforcements which had been hurried into the woods to sustain *and rally the broken right wing*, and check the progress of the enemy in that direction, had proved inadequate to the task, and had in turn been overthrown by the great mass which was struggling in inextricable disorder through the woods.

Such sounds as proceeded from that gloomy forest of pines and cedars were enough to appal with terror the stoutest hearts. The roar of cannon, the crashing of shot through the trees, the whizzing and bursting of the shells, the uninterrupted rattle of thirty thousand muskets, all mingled in one prolonged and tremendous volume of sound, as though all the thunders of heaven had been rolled together, and each individual burst of celestial artillery had been rendered perpetual. Above it all could be heard the wild cheers of the traitorous foe, as body after body of our troops gave way and were pushed toward the turnpike.

Everything now depended upon the regiments and batteries which the genius of ROSECRANS had massed along the turnpike to receive the enemy when he should emerge from the woods in pursuit of our broken and dying battalions. Suddenly the rebels became visible, and a crowd of 10,000 fugitives, presenting every possible phase of wild and unconstitutional disorder, burst from the cedar thickets, and rushed into the open space between them and the turnpike. Among them all, perhaps, no half dozen members of the same regiment could have been found together.

Nearer and nearer came the storm, louder and louder resounded the tumult of battle. The immense train of wagons parked along the road suddenly seemed instinct with struggling life, and every species of army vehicle preceded by frightened mules and horses rolled and rattled away pell-mell in an opposite direction, pressing onward. The shouts and

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GOV. SEYMOUR'S MESSAGE.

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To the Senate and Assembly:

We meet under circumstances of unusual solemnity to legislate for the honor, for the interest and for the protection of the people of the State of New-York. The oath which we have taken, to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New-York, and to perform our duties with fidelity, has at this time especial significance. It reaches us to look upon each of these Constitutions as equally sacred, that each is to be upheld in its respective jurisdictions. At this time the power of the one is openly defied by armed rebellion, while the other is endangered by the confusion and discord growing out of civil war. This "oath, declaration or test," is not a mere ceremonial; it is a part of the tenure of the offices we hold. Until we have this solemnly submitted ourselves to the command of these instruments, giving up our personal views and opinions, and pledging ourselves to obey their requirements, we are not permitted to perform one official act.

To uphold the General Government New-York has sent more than at the outbreak of this war 220,000 soldiers into the field. To organize this vast army, my predecessor, and those acting under his direction in his military staff have used unwearied labor and shown high capacity. The duties growing out of this service have been greater than those falling upon the officials of other States, and in their performance compare favorably with the conduct of the war on the part of the General Government. While our soldiers are perilling their lives to uphold the Constitution and restore the Union, we owe it to them, who have shown an endurance and patriotism unsurpassed in the history of the world, that we emulate their devotion in our field of duty. We are to take care that they come back that their home rights are not impaired, that they shall not find when they return to the duties of civil life that the securities of their persons, the sanctity of their homes or the protection of their property have been lost by us, while they were battling for their national interest in a distant field of duty.

I shall deem it my duty to fill all vacancies in official stations in the army by promotion for meritorious services or gallant conduct in the field; this is a measure of justice, as it will give to them the rewards where they have been fairly earned, and will stimulate both officers and men, by a laudable ambition, to excel in patriotic services in an honorable pursuit.

OUR STATE AFFAIRS.

While so many parts of our country are laid waste by war, their towns and cities desolated, their homes destroyed, their citizens slaughtered, and all that makes social happiness crushed out beneath the tread of armies, we have cause for gratitude that in this State the circle of its munificent public charities is full and beneficent operation; all forms of infirmities, suffering and want have been relieved. Our schools, academies and colleges are in successful operation, institutions designed to rescue the young and helpless from careers of vice, are still engaged in the prevention of misery and crime. Our prisons, under a liberal system, designed to reform as well as punish, still protect our community against convicted criminals. Our Courts are open for the security and protection of persons and property. Mechanical and agricultural pursuits are in the main successfully conducted. Our vast internal and foreign commerce have assumed proportions far beyond that of any former period. But for the overshadowing, gloomy cloud of war, and its heavy drafts upon the blood and treasure of our citizens, there could not be found for millions of people in the enjoyment of greater happiness and prosperity.

The continued ample support extended to the great charities of the State, even in the midst of a war which would tax to the utmost the energies of any nation, past or present, is a striking evidence at once of the enlightened benevolence for our people, and the greatness of our resources. It is not necessary for me to dwell upon the importance of those truly noble institutions, the New-York State Lunatic Asylum, the New-York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and for the Blind, the State Asylum for Idiots, and the State Inebriate Asylum. They are institutions entitled to the proper patronage of the State. The Orphan Asylums and Hospitals of the State should be fostered at a period when each battle deprives many households of their natural protectors, and increases the number of those who may properly claim the support of charity, or the care of institutions for the sick and wounded.

I recommend the enactment of a law authorizing the appointment of a member of the medical profession as a Commissioner of Lunacy, whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of the insane now confined in the alms-houses, poor-houses, jails and private lunatic asylums. The subject has been strongly urged upon the attention of previous Legislatures by the medical profession, and I am sure the humanity and propriety of the proposition is too manifest to receive any other than your favorable action.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shows that 629,989 pupils attended school in 1862, being a larger attendance than for any previous year. It will also appear that a greater number of teachers were employed than heretofore, the increase being drawn from the female portion of the community; that a larger sum was paid for teachers' wages, and that the schools were in session for a longer period, in the aggregate, than during any preceding year.

The Annual Report of the Regents of the University will show that the Colleges and Academies of the State, notwithstanding the drain of the war on their numbers, have continued in active and vigorous operation. The number of students in attendance [illegible] the previous year. The means of [illegible] are more ample, and its [illegible] more thoroughly educated than they have ever [illegible]

The Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in the City of New-York, and the House of Refuge of Western New-York, will submit to you their Annual Reports. I commend these important institutions to your favorable consideration.

It appears from the Report of the Inspector of State Prisons, that the number of convicts in the prisons on the 30th of September last was 3,416; the revenue from the treasury for prison earnings during the fiscal year, were $101,042 57, and the expenses therefrom, on account of the prisons, were $201,742 91.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Banking Department shows that the total amount of outstanding circulation issued by the officers of banking associations and individuals on the 20th of September last was [illegible] $49,239,836

This circulation is secured as follows:

By Bonds and Mortgages	[illegible]
New-York State Stock	[illegible]
Stock of other States	[illegible]
United States Stock	[illegible]
Value of coin held by banking associations	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

The Superintendent of the Insurance Department will present in his annual report many facts connected with the interests under administered by him, of which I refer to the public.

The Commissioners of Emigration report that during the year 1862, 76,065 alien emigrants arrived at the port of New-York, being an increase of 19,416 over the previous year. The Commissioners believe that a large immigration, much in excess of the past four years, will shortly commence from all parts of Europe. I would call the attention of your situation the suggestions made in their annual report, and especially those with reference to quarantine. The City of New-York and the country at large are too much interested in the maintenance of the sanitary condition of our environments and the exclusion of that port from those contagious and infectious diseases, to seek any measure which shall tend to protect it.

I remit the following recommendation of my predecessor to mature consideration:

"A change in statutory enactment in the laws relative to slavery, so as to insure their enforcement, especially in regard to fugitives. At present, those who pay for their property need no further privilege or protection than is accorded to other property."

The [illegible] was the interest on the State debt, payable on the first day of July last, and the principal of the State debt, payable on the first day of November last, [illegible] by the commissioners of the sinking fund of the canal debt.

THE FUNDED DEBT.

The Funded Debt on the 30th of September last stood as follows:

Of Canal Debt	$22,821,619 25
Of General Fund Debt	6,636,664 27
Total State Debt	$29,457,283 52

By obtaining from further borrowing, and devoting the canal commutations to the credit of the Sinking Funds, the Comptroller estimates that the above debt will be substantially extinguished within twelve years.

Balance in the Treasury, including Canal Fund, Oct. 1, 1861	$3,674,841 39
Receipts from all sources during the fiscal year ending with Sept. 30, 1862	26,666,013 10
Total	$30,016,855 49
Payments during same period	28,148,220 48
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1862	$1,768,631 01

CANAL FUND.

Balance in the Treasury to the credit of the Canal Fund Sept. 30, 1862		$2,604,621 26
Received during the fiscal year from Canal tolls, rents of surplus waters and interest on revenues	$4,264,369 67	
From proceeds of lands	2,765,622 60	
From other sources	126,061 61	$7,156,053 37
Total		$10,356,135 63
Payments during the same period: For redemption of Stocks	$3,128,000 00	
For Interest on Stocks	1,428,450 00	
To Canal Commissioners, Repair Contractors, Superintendents, Collectors and Weighmasters	$1,758,621 26	
Miscellaneous objects	809,351 10	$5,126,421 76
Leaving a balance to the credit of the Canal Fund Sept. 30, 1863, of		$4,529,708 87

The gross receipts from tolls, for the past season of navigation, was about $3,700,000. This sum represents only the amounts paid into the Public Treasury for the use of the canals. Our citizens who use the carriers between the lakes and the City of New-York, as well as those engaged in transportation upon our inland waters, and upon the ocean, derive a still greater advantage from our commerce with the West. The vast extent of our internal carrying trade can be stated only approximately, but may be safely put down at the following figures, for the past year:

Estimated tonnage of Canals for 1862	4,000,000 tons
Ascertained tonnage of Railroads to Sept. 30	6,000,000 tons
For a single year	11,500,000 tons
Estimated value of property carried on the Canals for 1862	$141,000,000
On the Railroads in 1862	150,000,000
For a single year	$300,000,000

It may be added that seventy per cent. of the values of railroad and eighty per cent. of canal freights, are moved from west to east. These facts should induce us to give every possible facility to the east and growing commerce of the Western States, mainly dependent upon them as we are for the immense through traffic which constitutes so large a share of our carrying trade, and forms a most important source of our commercial greatness, affording at the same time one of the many reasons for cultivating the most enduring relationships with that section.

The obstructions in the channel of the Hudson River severely impair the usefulness of our canals. Their increased capacity has led to the building of boats of greater draft than formerly. These are towed through to New-York without charge of freight; and after the Spring freshets it is not unusual for them to get aground in the river after passing through the canals without difficulty. Suitable measures should at once be taken for the removal of these obstacles.

The aggregate valuations of real and personal property of the State, for 1862, is $1,149,303,946. This exceeds the previous year by $7,356,315, although the valuations in the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn, were reduced about $50,000,000.

The State tax of last year was at the rate of four mills and three-fourths on each dollar of the taxable property, according to the estimates of the Comptroller, less than one-half of that rate will be sufficient for the present year, unless some extraordinary appropriations shall be made by the Legislature.

In July last the President called for three hundred thousand volunteers, and subsequently ordered a draft for an equal additional number. The quota of the State, under both calls was, about one hundred and twenty thousand men. The exigencies of the service demanded that these troops should be raised with the greatest dispatch. It was the season of harvest, when labor commanded high prices. The State had so promptly responded to former requisitions of the Government by voluntary offers, that a strong aversion existed in the public mind toward compulsory measures. It was believed that if ample bounties were offered, a conscription could be avoided. But no payment could be made by them from the State Treasury without legislative authority. To obtain this an extra session, involving both delay and expense, was necessary. The Commercial Bank of Albany offered to advance the requisite sum for bounties, and to assume the risk of reimbursement by the Legislature at its annual session. Their offer was accepted, and a suitable arrangement at once made. My predecessor immediately issued his proclamation offering a State bounty of $50 to each private soldier who should thereafter volunteer into the service of the United States. The moneys thus advanced were disbursed by the Paymaster-General of the State. The annual report of the Comptroller will present the details. As the State tax levied under the authority of Chapter 159 of the laws of 1862, for the payment to the United States of the direct tax levied by the act of Congress of the preceding August, will not be required, the proceeds will remain in the Treasury and may be appropriately applied to the repayment of the moneys thus advanced. I therefore recommend that a law making the requisite appropriation, and ratifying the action of the Governor in this matter, be passed, and I respectfully record my approval of the course pursued in respect to this matter. In addition to the bounty offered by the State, in various localities large sums were voted as additional premiums to volunteers, and I recommend the passage of suitable laws providing for the collection of these self-imposed obligations.

The population of this State in 1860 was 3,880,722. The number of men returned by the enrolling officers, as liable to military duty, is 764,594. The number between the ages of 18 and 45 returned as exempt from various causes, is 139,196. Since the beginning of the present war the State of New-York has sent to the field 222,836. The number from this State, now in the field, is estimated at 125,000, showing a total waste since the beginning of the war of 97,836, being an annual waste of about 33 per centum of the whole number, equal to 42,000 per year. To fill the quota of this State under the calls 86,796 more volunteers are required, unless the General Government will give the State credit for the proportional excess sent to the field before July 2, 1863.

I urge your immediate attention to the inequality and injustice of the laws under which it is proposed to draft soldiers for the service of the General Government. During a long period of peace, but little attention has been paid to our military system. For the purposes of a conscription it is entirely defective; it contains none of the provisions which in the European systems mitigate the evils of compulsory military service; it pays no just regard on one hand to the evils which it may inflict, while on the other it makes numerous exemptions which are inconsistent with fairness, and with the spirit of our Constitution. That contemplates that all of suitable ages alike shall perform military duty or pay some equivalent. This purpose is fully expressed by the State Constitution of our State.

"It is of the utmost importance to the safety of every State that it should always be in a condition to defend itself, and that the militia should be the protection of society to be prepared and willing to defend it."

The Constitution contemplates a revulsion to the slow, effective, militia only in the defense of our State, but upon exigencies that every man who enjoys the protection of society should be prepared to defend it. Recent legislation on this subject has detached whole classes from the operation of the militia law, without their consent, and without any equivalent. Exemptions have been multiplied in such a manner as not only relieved from military duty, but also from giving any equivalent for such relief. They include numerous classes of other citizens who have no claims to exemption beyond those which belong to every citizen engaged in useful pursuits.

The favored classes are usually in a better condition than others to pay the commutation demanded of those whom these legislative acts fail. These exemptions such unfair distinctions; all male citizens of suitable years should be equally liable, if there be any call to perform duty in the military service, and they should pay some equivalent if they are unable to pay, the amount can be regulated by law so that it will not be oppressive. If the law fails on officials, they can procure substitutes; but if it falls on a citizen, it may be impossible for him to pay such commutation as may be demanded. It is plainly unjust to allow those enjoying the honors and profits of official station to go free, while the only son of a widowed mother, whose sole support of a family may be forced upon a hazardous and dangerous service. I also commend to your consideration some provisions of other States in Europe to mitigate the evils which a change from a conscription involves, and which have been successfully adopted by that long and frequent train.

The military system contemplated by the laws of the Legislature, cannot be conformed to these at times. The probable calls made by the General Government cannot be made a drain upon the present militia, but have been found to involve disastrous consequences to the service and to the interests of the citizens, and as our present militia system has therefore been necessarily suspended, this subject demands your immediate attention.

The embarrassment to the military of the war of 1812 from the Government of the United States, have been heretofore adjusted by the proper Commissioners of the State, to be paid by the Government. I recommend that the measures be taken to secure the immediate payment of the amounts due to the several claimants.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The Constitution makes it my duty to communicate to you the condition of the State. I cannot do this without speaking of our Union and of the war which afflicts our country, and which also affects the material interests of New-York; taxes all its powers; and has taken more than 100,000 men from our work shops and fields, and has expended treasure that has been the sinews of our prosperity. The Union of these States is the Union of our fathers; it must be preserved, and we must do our part to preserve it. Our Constitution and laws must be respected and obeyed. Rebellion must be put down in arms. These propositions are not the subjects of doubt or question with the great majority of our people. We meet them as they are, and we must meet them as they are. Our duty is plain, our path of duty is before us, and we must tread it if we would escape the condemnation of our country and the just judgment of posterity. We must grapple with the great questions of the day, we must confront the dangers of our position. The truths of our financial and military situation must not be kept back. There must be no attempt to put down the full expression of public opinion. It must be known and heeded, to enable Government to manage public affairs with success. There is a yearning desire among our people to know their actual position. They demand free discussion. This should be conducted in an earnest, thoughtful, patriotic spirit. The solemnity of the occasion and the sufferings of the war should revive the virtue, the intelligence, and the patriotism of the American people. The decay of these have brought our calamities upon us. There are now no causes for discord that have not always existed in our country, and which were not felt by our fathers in forming the Union. They had the greatness, the magnanimity and virtue to compromise and adjust them. The value of the Union they then formed has proved to be greater than they hoped. Yet we became indifferent to it when we were in the full enjoyment of its blessings. We became ignorant of the character and resources of our own countrymen, while we had the full benefit of the untrammeled commerce with all sections of our land. It was when the world was astonished with the power and wealth growing out of our National Union, that sectional prejudices and passions were active in destroying fraternal affections and generous love of our country. While we boasted most of our intelligence, there were those permanently and laboriously engaged, through the Press, and in legislative halls, in teaching the people of the North and the South to undervalue and despise each other. Hostile legislation and the division of our churches impaired religious and social intercourse. If the North and the South had understood the power and purposes of each other, our contentions would have been adjusted. This misapprehension, so bloody and terrible in its effects, was systematically and laboriously inoculated.

CAUSES OF THE WAR.

Affrighted at the toil they have wrought, the authors of our calamities at the North and South insist that this war was caused by an unavoidable contest about Slavery. This has been the subject, not the cause of controversy. We are to look for the causes of this war in a pervading disregard of the obligations of laws and Constitutions, in disrespect for constituted authorities; and, also, in the local prejudices which have grown up in two portions of the Atlantic States, the two extremes of our country, whose remote positions have made them less well informed, and whose interests have made them less considerate, with regard to the condition and character of our whole people, than those living in the great central and western sections of our Union. There is no honest statement of our difficulties which does not teach that our people must reform themselves as well as the conduct of our Government and the policy of our rulers. There is not a calamity we are suffering which was not clearly foretold by our fathers as the result of the passions and local prejudices which have grown up during the past fifteen years.

It is not too late to save our country, if we will enter upon the sacred duty in the right spirit and in the right way. When we do so, the effort will be seen and felt throughout our land and by the civilized world. We shall then strengthen our Government; we shall overcome the rebellion; we shall unite our people; and the world will recognize our capacity for self-government when we show that we are capable of self-reform.

RESPECT FOR LAWS AND RULERS.

In the first place, we must emulate the conduct of our Fathers, and show obedience to constituted authorities, and respect for legal and constitutional obligations. "The very idea of the power and right to establish Government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established Government." Yet a spirit of disobedience has sapped the foundations of Municipal, State and National authority in every part of our land. It is not only the underlying and pervading cause of the war; it is also the immediate occasion of our calamities.

When the leaders of the insurrection at the extreme South, and the North and South, met together in the Union, and when this is echoed from the extreme North by the enemies of our Constitution, both parties simply say they cannot, because they will not, respect the laws and the Constitution. This spirit of disloyalty must be put down. It is inconsistent with all social order and social security—with safety of persons and property.

In order to uphold our Government, it is also necessary that we should show respect for the authority of our rulers. While acting within the limits of their jurisdictions, and representing the interests, the honor, and the dignity of our people, they are entitled to deference. Where it is their right to decide upon measures and policy, it is our duty to obey and to give a ready support to their decisions. This is a vital maxim of liberty. Without this loyalty no Government can conduct public affairs with success—no people can be safe in the enjoyment of their rights. This duty is peculiarly strong under our system, which gives the people the right at their elections to express judgment upon their rulers, to commend or condemn them, or expel them from official stations.

This war should have been averted; but when its flood-gates were opened, the Administration could not grasp its dimensions nor control its sweep. Government was borne along by the current, and struggled as it best could, with the resistless tide. Few seemed able to comprehend its military or financial problems. Hence we are not to sit in harsh judgment upon errors in conduct or policy.

But while we concede all these excuses for mistakes, we are not to adopt errors nor sanction violations of principle. The same causes which extenuate their faults in judgment, must make us more vigilant to guard against their influences. Unusual dangers demand unusual vigilance.

ECONOMY AND INTEGRITY.

Economy and integrity in the administration of affairs are essential at all times; they are vital in periods of war. If the power of the people to sustain the expenses of war is broken down, it is vain that we have sent our citizens into the field, and that they have shed their blood in unsupported efforts to save our country.

The opportunities which a state of war gives to unprincipled men to prey upon the public treasury, and the difficulty of checking their schemes, must be borne in mind, when we judge of the integrity of our rulers. But while these difficulties should shield them from harsh judgment, they are additional reasons for vigilance and caution. It is in the nature of war to create powerful financial and ambitious interests, eager to prolong its duration. It is one of the chief dangers that it builds up an active class who gain power and wealth by the taxation imposed upon the labor and property of the mass of citizens. This organized class gains from the National Treasury its support in the form of plunder or ambition, and the taxes wrung from the people are thus made to prolong the state of war and military government. The power of our rulers to avert these influences must be aided and strengthened by the most ample exposition of financial affairs.

Extravagance and corruption are violations of the faith pledged to the public creditors. The money loaned to the National Treasury was not brought forward at a time when it would be useful in a time of doubt and danger. These claims are held by the rich and poor. The amounts owned by corporations represent the interest of women and children, the aged and infirm. The right of our soldiers to demand economy and integrity is of the most sacred character. Never in the history of the world have armies of such numbers been made up of those who voluntarily left prosperous pursuits and happy homes to suffer the dangers and privations of war. When defeat or exposure or disease or disease or disease thinned the ranks of our armies, they promptly and freely stepped forward to the rescue of the country's flag. A fearful crime will be done by those who shall suffer National bankruptcy to turn into dust and ashes the pensions and bounties thus gained at the cost of blood and health and exposure. These pensions will, in many cases, be the sole reliance of those thus made incapable of self-support.

We owe it to the honor of our State, and to the interests of our soldiers, that the National Constitutions be so amended as to prohibit the issue of public money and military and naval commissions to those who have proved themselves disloyal to the rights and liberties of the people. The sovereignty of the States, except as they are limited by the Constitution, can never be given up. Without them our Government cannot stand. It was made and it can be changed by State agency. This is shown by the following provisions of the instrument itself.

"The ratification of the Conventions of nine States shall be sufficient to the establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the same."

Again; three-fourths of the States can add to or take away from the powers of the General Government, by demanding a Convention in which amendments can be proposed, which, if ratified by three-fourths of the States, become parts of the Constitution.

While they can thus take away or add to its power, the General Government can in no way touch one right of the States or invade their jurisdiction.

The obligations which rest upon the States to respect the Constitution, laws and authorities of the General Government, also demand that the General Government shall show equal respect for the rights and constituted authorities of States.

To State legislation and authorities, we look for the good order of society, the security of life and property, the protection of our homes and all that is sacred and endeared to us, in the relations of duties and affections of life. It is dangerous and demoralizing to show contempt for State authorities and laws. It undermines alike the foundations of State and National Government, by breaking up the social system. If home laws are not respected, the more general authority will not be regarded.

ARBITRARY ARRESTS.

Our people have therefore viewed with alarm, practices and pretensions on the part of officials, which violate every principle of good order, of civil liberty, and of constitutional law. It is claimed that in time of war, the President has powers as Commander-in-Chief of our armies, which authorize him to declare martial law, not only within the sphere of hostile movements, where other law cannot be enforced, but also over our whole land. That at his pleasure he can disregard not only the statutes of Congress, but the decisions of the National Judiciary. That in loyal States the least intelligent class of officials may be clothed with power not only to act as spies and informers, but also, without due process of law, to seize and imprison our citizens, and carry them beyond the limits of the State, to hold them in prison without a hearing or a knowledge of the offences with which they are charged. Not only the passions and prejudices of these inferior agents lead them to acts of tyranny, but their interests advanced and their positions secured by promoting discontent and discord. Even to ask the aid of counsel has been held to be an offence. It has been well said that: "To be arrested, for one knows not what; to be confined, no one entitled to ask where; to be tried, no one can say when, by a tribunal unknown or established; or to linger out life in a cell without trial, presents a body of tyranny which cannot be outlaged."

The suppression of journals and the imprisonment of persons have been glaringly partisan, allowing to some the transit licentiousness of criticism, and punishing others for the fair exercise of the right of discussion. Conscious of these gross abuses, an attempt has been made to shield the violators of the law, and suppress inquiry into their motives and conduct. This attempt will fail. Unconstitutional acts cannot be shielded by unconstitutional laws. Such attempts will not save the guilty, while they will bring a just condemnation upon those who try to pervert the powers of legislation to the purposes of oppression. To justify such action by precedents drawn from the practice of Governments where there is no restraint upon legislative power, will be of no avail under our system, which restrains the Government, and protects the citizen, by written Constitutions.

I shall not inquire what rights States in rebellion have forfeited, but I deny that this rebellion can suspend a single right of the citizens of loyal States. I denounce the doctrine that civil war in the South takes away from the loyal North the benefits of the principle of civil liberty.

It is a high crime to abduct a citizen of this State. It is made my duty by the Constitution of the State to see that laws are enforced. I shall investigate every alleged violation of our statutes, and see that offenders are brought to justice. Sheriffs and District-Attorneys are admonished that it is their duty to take care that no person within their respective counties are imprisoned, nor carried by force beyond their limits, without due process or legal authority. The removal to England of persons charged with offence, away from their friends, their witnesses and means of defence, was one of the acts of tyranny which led to the war for our independence. The abduction of citizens from this State for offences charged to have been done here, and carrying them many hundreds miles to distant prisons in other States or Territories, is an outrage of the same character upon every principle of right and justice.

The General Government has ample power to establish Courts, to appoint officers to arrest, and Commissioners to hear complaints, and to imprison upon reasonable grounds of suspicion. It has a judicial system, in full and undisturbed operation. Its own Courts, held at convenient places in this and other loyal States, are open for the hearing of all complaints. If its laws are not ample for the punishment of offences, it is due to the neglect of those in power. Government is not strengthened by the exercise of doubtful powers, but by a wise and energetic exercise of those which are incontestible. The former course never fails to produce discord, suspicion and distrust, while the latter inspires respect and confidence.

This loyal State, whose laws, whose courts and whose officers have been treated with marked and public contempt, and whose social order and sacred rights have been violated, now at this very time sending forth great armies to protect the National Capital, and to save the National officials from flight or capture. It was while the arms of New-York thus sheltered them against rebellion, that, without consultation with its Chief Magistrate, a subordinate Department at Washington insulted our people and violated some rights secured by their laws and outrages the people of the State of New-York, at its late elections, solemnly protested.

The submission of our people to these abuses, for a time only, was mistaken at home and abroad for an indifference to their liberties. But it was only in a spirit of respect for our institutions, that they waited until they could express their will in the manner pointed out by our laws. At the late election they vindicated at once their regard for law and their love for liberty. In all their confusion of civil war, they calmly sat in judgment upon the Administration, voting against its candidates. Nor was this the only striking proof of respect for the Constitution. The minority, or nearly equal numbers, yielded to this decision without resistance, although the canvass was animated by strong partisan excitements. This calm assertion of rights, and this honorable submission to the verdict of the ballot-box, indicated at once the character of our people and the stability of our institutions. Had the Secessionists of the South thus yielded to constitutional decisions, they would have saved themselves and our country from the horrors of this war, and they would have found the same remedy for every wrong and danger.

MARTIAL LAW.

The claim of power under Martial law is not only destructive of the right of States, but it overthrows the legislative and judicial departments of the General Government. It asserts for the President more power as the head of the army, than as a representative ruler of the people. This claim has brought discredit upon us in the eyes of the world. It has weakened the confidence of loyal States. It tends to destroy the value of our Government in the minds of our people. It leads to discord and discontent at the North, while it has united and invigorated the South.

If there is a necessity which justifies that policy, let us openly and honestly say there is a necessity which justifies a revolution. But this profession is not put forth as a necessity which overleaps for a time all restraints, and which is justified by a great exigency; it is a theory which exalts the military power of the President above his civil and constitutional rights. It asserts that he may in his discretion declare war, and then extinguish the State and National Constitutions by drawing the pall of martial law over our war country.

"Martial law" defines itself to be a law where war is. It limits its own jurisdiction by its very term. But this new and strange doctrine holds that the loyal North lost their constitutional rights when the South rebelled, and all are now governed by a martial law established by this last year security than rebellion, for it stands without means to resist outrages or to resent tyranny. Amidst all the horrors that have been enacted under martial law in the history of the world, and amidst all the justifications attempted of its usages, it was never before held that it could be extended over peaceful States. It was never before claimed that the power of a military commander was superior to the powers of Government.

More than two centuries since that bold defender of English liberty, that honest and independent Judge, Lord Coke, declared: "Where courts of law are open, martial law cannot be executed," and, also, that "the power that is above the law, is unlit for the King to ask or us to grant." Are English liberties more sacred, or is English liberty more secure than ours?

It was one of the causes set forth in the Declaration of Independence, for renouncing allegiance to the King of England, "that he has affected to render the military independent of, and superior to the civil power." During the struggle for national life, although surrounded by cavaliers, spies, and informers, who upheld the pretensions of the crown, Washington never declared martial law or claimed the right under any circumstances to make the military superior to the civil authority. On the contrary, he was most deferential to the latter. The feeling of the fathers on this subject can best be learned by the Constitutions, which were formed by the men who established our National Government; all of them had provisions inconsistent with this new and monstrous pretension.

Massachusetts, New-Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina, eight of the twelve States which originally made up our Union, explicitly declared that the military power should, in all cases and at all times, be held in exact subordination to the civil authority, and be governed by it; this was expressed in each Constitution in terms almost identical. It is incredible that a people who held these views, and who were jealous of their liberties, and who thus restrained State authorities under their immediate control, would give to the Commander of the Army of the United States this despotic power; a power which the Crown of Great Britain has not been permitted to exercise for nearly two centuries.

The measure of power to be exercised under our Government is strictly defined. To make the exercise of military power the measure of other nations of Christendom, would give sanction to every outrage, tyranny and wrong. It would make what was done by our fathers who formed our Government; it makes the practices of despotisms or the principles of a military tribunal authorized than the written Constitution of our Republic. The unlimited, uncontrolled despotic power claimed under martial law is of itself a reason why it cannot be admitted. The fact that it is incompatible with the purposes, spirit and genius of our institutions, is conclusive against the claim set up for its control over our country and a diversity of interests which never existed in the despotisms or monarchies of Europe from which the precedents are drawn to justify it.

New-York and other States consented to make up the General Government only upon the assurance that the original Constitution should be so amended as to secure more perfectly the rights of States and citizens. These articles were added by the unanimous vote of the States:

ARTICLE 4.—"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

ARTICLE 5.—"No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law."

The want of these restraints in the original instrument endangered its adoption. They were inserted to satisfy the public demand. We are now told that they are of no avail, in any part of our country, when the Executive shall see fit to declare there is war or insurrection in any section of this land.

Such pretensions are in contradiction to the plain language of these clauses and to their settled legal effect. If any differences of opinion be possible, our Constitution provides for their determination. These questions will be carried before the proper judicial tribunals. If the theory of martial law is upheld by them, we will submit, and have the Constitution amended. If it is held to be unfounded, it must be given up.

So sacred did our fathers hold constitutional rights, that they placed them beyond the reach even of the majority of our people. Written constitutions are made, not only to carry out the wishes, but also to restrain the power of majorities, and to uphold and protect the rights of minorities. They give the humblest citizen the right of religious freedom against the whole power of our people. No matter how large a majority may be, it must not interfere with rights of persons, of property, or of conscience.

The President himself holds his place not by the will of the majority, but by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution, which placed him in his office by the votes of about 1,800,000 against the votes of about 2,800,000 who did not agree in their choice as to opposing candidates. He continues rightfully to hold his office, although the popular majorities, even in the State which placed him there, have in the recent elections declared themselves politically opposed to his administration. The majority are still bound to respect his constitutional rights, to uphold his powers, and to sustain his just claims within the limits of rightful authority.

The rights of States were reserved, and the powers of the General Government were limited, to protect the people in their persons, property and conscience in times of danger and civil commotion. There is little to fear in periods of peace and prosperity. If we are not prepared when there are popular excitements and convulsions, our Government is a failure. If Presidential proclamations are above the decisions of the Courts and the restraints of the Constitution, then that Constitution is a mockery. If it has not the authority to keep the Executive within its restraints, then it cannot retain States within the Union. Those who hold that there is no sanctity in the Constitution, must equally hold that there is no guilt in the rebellion.

We cannot be silent and allow these practices to become precedents. They are as much in violation of our Constitution as the rebellion itself, and more dangerous to our liberties. They hold out to the Executive every temptation of ambition to make and prolong war. They offer despotic power as a price for preventing peace. They are inducements to each administration to produce discord and incite armed resistance to law, by demonstrations that the condition of war removes all constitutional restraints. They call about the National Capital hordes of unprincipled men, who find in the wreck of their country the opportunity to gratify avarice or ambition, or personal or political resentments. This theory makes the passion and ambition of an Administration antagonistic to the interest and happiness of the people. It makes the restoration of peace the abdication of more than legal authority in the hands of those to whom is confided the Government of our country.

Of the same nature is the recent Proclamation of Emancipation. The President has already signed an act of Congress which asserts that the slaves of persons in rebellion are confiscate. The sole effect of this proclamation, therefore, is to declare the emancipation of slaves of those who are not in rebellion, and who are, therefore, loyal citizens. It is an extraordinary deduction from the alleged war power, that the forfeiture of the right of loyal citizens, and bringing upon them the same punishment imposed upon insurgents, is calculated to advance the success of the war, to uphold the Constitution and restore the Union. The class of loyal citizens who, above all others, are entitled to the protection of the Government, are those who have rendered true to the flag of our country. And yet the sole force of this proclamation is directed against them. May not this measure, so clearly impolitic, unjust and unconstitutional, and which is calculated to create so many barriers to the restoration of the Union, be misconstrued by the world as an abandonment of the hope or the purpose of restoring it—a result to which the State of New-York is unalterably opposed, and which will be effectually resisted.

We must not only support the Constitution of the United States and maintain the rights of the States, but we must restore our Union as it was before the outbreak of the war. The assertion that this war was the inevitable result of Slavery is not only erroneous, but has been the offensive policy in its prosecution. The opinion that Slavery must be abolished to restore our Union, creates an antagonism between the Free and Slave States which ought not to exist. If it is true that Slavery must be abolished by the force of the Federal Government; that the South must be held in military subjection; that four millions of negroes must, for many years, be under the direct management of authorities at Washington at the public expense; then, indeed, we must endure the waste of our armies in the field, further drains upon our populations, and still greater burdens of debt. We must convert our government into a military despotism. The mischievous opinion that in this contest the North must subjugate and destroy the South to save our Union, has weakened the hopes of our citizens at home and destroyed confidence in our success abroad.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN STATES.

It is a suggestive fact, affording instruction and hope for the future, that the theories which have excited an evil influence on our National politics, did not originate in what may be called the heart of the Union, among the the intimate and well-acquainted populations of the Central and Western States, where the States permitting and tolerating Slavery are in actual contact, nor in the portions traversed by the great East and West lines of commerce and intercourse. They have been developed almost entirely in two sections comparatively isolated by position, traditions, and peculiar habits of thought, and least connected with the more homogeneous mass of our people. There have been extreme Northern views and extreme Southern views; but also the broader and more tolerant views of the more populous Central and Western States. These extremes of North and South, both of our Union and of the Slave Territory between "Slave" and "Free" States, which is not a line of opposing opinions, but of intermingling interests. Their plains are interlocked by confluent rivers, and not divided by mountain ranges. These States are a region of harmonizing views and sympathies. They are not only bound together by peculiar interests, but also by strong reasons for resisting a division of the Union, which would make the Slave States, which would receive their cordial intercourse by hostile relations, and throw upon them all the greatest and sharpest evils of the separation. Thus, while they do not share the passions and prejudices of those outside States which strove to enlist them in the contest, they have motives of the highest interest to restore the old order of things, and of the gravest apprehension from a separation. This war blights and destroys the homes and the happiness of this region, while the sections whose passions and interests kindled it are mainly remote from the terrible suffering it has caused.

The Western and Central States enlisted warmly in a war for the Union and Constitution. The northern tier of "Slave States," (except Eastern Virginia,) earnestly supported the Government in its policy, while it was consistent with this purpose, which was known as the "Border State policy." Both the Administration and Congress then declared their sole purpose to be to restore the Union and maintain the Constitution. When the Administration abandoned this policy, and took up the views of extreme Northern States, it lost at the late election, nearly all the political support which the Central and Western States afforded in the elections of 1860 and 1861.

While the North cannot hold the Southern States in subjection without destroying the principles of our Government, the great Central and Western States can control the two extremes. They will not accept the views of either as safe guides in the conduct of public affairs. This is shown by the political history of our country during the past four years. When it was believed that the late Administration was controlled by the views of the Gulf States, it lost its power in the Central and Western region. The opposing party, to gain public support, were obliged, by assurances and resolutions, to repel the charge that they would interfere with Slavery in the States, and they denounced, as unjust that they held the views of the Abolitionists of the extreme Northern section. With out these pledges they could not have gained political power.

When the Gulf States seceded, the Central Slave States, by large majorities, refused to act with them. They sought to avoid war and division by the Peace Conference held in Washington. Unfortunately, the dominant leaders of the party which had succeeded at the election of 1860, overlooking the fact that this was done by the vote of 1,800,000 against a divided opposition of 2,800,000, rejected all terms of compromise and conciliation as inconsistent with the results of the election, and attempted to govern and control an agitated and convulsed country strictly by the opinions and sentiments of a minority.

The outbreak of war involved our whole country in its sentiments. The States of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri, and the Western part of Virginia, adhered to the Union. The purposes then avowed by the Administration and adopted by Congress, as to the objects of the war, gave to the Administration a cordial support at the election of 1861, in all the loyal States. All engaged hopefully and earnestly in the work of upholding our Constitution and restoring our Union to its former condition. When this policy was changed, and it adopted the sentiments of the extreme Northern States, and discarded those of the Central and Western States, a remarkable political revolution was the result.

EXTREMES WILL NOT PREVAIL.

It has been assumed that this war will end in the ascendancy of the views of one of the extremes of our country. Neither will prevail; for neither can command the support of the majority of the American people. The great Central and Western States, which have the largest share of the population and resources of our country, will not accept of either class of purposes. This is the significance of the late elections. Their determination is to defend the

CONCLUSION.

The pervading sentiment of the great contrasting sections of our country will not only save our Union, but will do so in a way harmonizing with the genius of our Institutions, the usages of our People, and the letter and spirit of our Constitution. It will manifest itself in the customary manner, by discussion and political action. The framers of our Constitution, foreseeing that events would render it necessary for the people of the several States, not only thus to assemble in Government, but also to provide a tribunal of purpose and action between different communities, provided in the Constitution, that "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the Press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Our present alarming conditions naturally settle for such expressions of public opinion, when passed to the objects of this war, and the spirit in which it should be conducted, and the end for which it should be waged; when the public will is clearly expressed, it must be recognized and respected by Government. It will also make itself effective in our frequently recurring elections which peacefully but rapidly form a body of Government in harmony with its purpose. It will influence Congressional action, or it may lead to a convention of the States.

The condition of our country is not hopeless, unless it is made so by passions and prejudices which are inconsistent with the Government of a great country. This war, with all its evils, has taught us great truths, which, if accepted by our people, will place the future relations of the various sections of our Union on the firmest basis. It has taught us to know the value of the Union itself not only in our interest, but in our foreign relations. It has given us a vigorous and knowledge of each other, which had we possessed it earlier, would have averted our present condition. Let us be thankful for this.

If the interest of different sections of our country, conducting to some extent, they are so intimately and adjusted, by nature, that there is an irresistible tendency of intercourse, harmony and Union. This tendency must, in the end, overcome temporary aberration. We have also learned the great mutual strength of the North and of the South, and know all the bitterness of feeling engendered by the war, rendering it less easy than it would be to repeal the power, resources and courage of the other.

We must accept the condition of affairs as they exist. As this moment the fortunes of our country are influenced by the results of battles. Our armies in the field must be supported; all constitutional demands of our General Government must be promptly responded to.

But war alone will not save the Union. The end of action which is used to put down an ordinary insurrection is not applicable to a wide-spread treason of a great community. It is to embarrass and delay but not overt over to attempt.

Under no circumstances can the division of the Union be conceded. We will put forth every exertion of power in our hands to crush every policy of conciliation; we will hold out every inducement to the people of the South to return to their allegiance, consistent with honor; we will guarantee them every right, every consideration demanded by the Constitution, and the fraternal regard, which must prevail in a common country; we will never voluntarily consent to the breaking up of the Union of these States, or the destruction of the Constitution.

Humbly acknowledging our dependence upon Almighty God, and repeating our pride, ingratitude and obsequience, let us pray that our blunders may be repaired with the wisdom, the moderation, and faith and charity which will enable us to save our country.

ALBANY, Jan. 7, 1863. HORATIO SEYMOUR.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Heads of Departments of the City Government.

THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE—ADDITIONAL CHANGES MADE BY THE NEW STREET COMMISSIONER.

There is a great deal of interest felt now by Democratic politicians in relation to the probable changes which it is supposed will be made in some of the Departments of the City Government. In the Mayor's Office there is not any changes talked of yet, because there has not been a change by election of that Chief Magistrate of the City. In relation to what may occur in the matter of the subordinate clerks, &c., of the Board of Aldermen and of the Common Council, there has been some talk, but there has not yet been any changes determined on.

Mr. VALENTINE, the venerable Clerk of that Department, moves about or occupies his special desk with his usual kindness to all who have inquiries to make. Mr. TWEEDY, his efficient and appreciated Deputy, does not show the slightest token of alarm for his well earned reputation. Mr. WEBSTER is busy as usual; Mr. MYERS' moustache is as handsome as ever, and the courteous manner in which he receives all who have either business or other occasion to call upon him, would seem to indicate that he is not at all alarmed as to his future. Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. PARKER, and the others engaged in the Aldermanic Department, are all serene. In the matter of the officers connected with the Board of Councilmen, there is considerable talk in the passage-ways of the City Hall, but final conclusions in relation to changes (if any are yet to be made) have not yet been arrived at.

The changes which it is assumed will be made in the Comptroller's Office are occupying much hours of the precious time of the Democratic politicians, but, as the Comptroller is now in Albany, they are somewhat troubled about particulars. In the office of the Street Commissioner Mr. TWEED sits as urbane as when a Supervisor, and gives his directions, for the purpose of becoming familiar with his Department, as easily as if he had been there for years. Since the changes made in the Street Commissioner's Department, which we published yesterday, the following have been made:

JOHN BUTLER, Superintendent of Repairs, in place of JOHN MCQUADE, resigned.

ALEXANDER M. BOGERT, Superintendent of Wharves, Piers and Slips, in place of GEORGE WEITZ, removed.

WM. WALKER, First Clerk to Deputy Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies, in place of M. F. ROBERTS, removed.

JAMES D. FLYNN, Inspector of Incumbrances on Wharves, in place of JAMES IRVING, removed.

MICHAEL CONNORS, Inspector Street Department, in place of THOMAS, removed.

JOHN JACOB RUSSO, Messenger, in place of J. COSTER, removed.

It is thought that important changes will be made in the Comptroller's Department soon after he returns.

New-York Historical Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the New-York Historical Society was held last evening, the President, Hon. LUCIUS ROBINSON, in the Chair. The usual reports were presented and read. The librarian reported that 1,740 books and pamphlets had been added to the library during the past year, also 127 volumes of newspapers. Photographs of distinguished personages are being gathered. ANDREWS SCHELL, Esq., on behalf of the Executive Committee, reported that the Society had now paid all indebtedness, and had a handsome balance in the treasury. The aggregate of members since the organization of the Society was 5,400, and the present number of paying members was 950.

In consequence of the business before the Society, the reading of the paper on the "Recollections of the Period of the Declaration of Independence," was postponed until the next meeting of the Society. A volume of manuscript poems written in Dutch and ten hundred years ago by Eric, Duke of Eric, of this City, was exhibited. Remarks respecting the death of Dr. HASKER were made by Mr. GERARD, Rev. Dr. GUTTON, and the President of the Society. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers of the Society for the present year:

For President, LUCIUS ROBINSON; for First Vice-President, Thomas De Witt, D.D.; for Second Vice-President, Frederick De Peyster; for Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Edward Robinson, D.D.; for Domestic Corresponding Secretary, Samuel Osgood, D.D.; for Recording Secretary, Andrew Warder; for Treasurer, Benjamin H. Field; for Librarian, George Henry Moore.

Explosion in Percussion Cap Manufactories.

ONE MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Yesterday morning, at 7 o'clock, an explosion took place in the percussion cap manufactory of Mr. GOTT, Sixty-second-street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, instantly killing one of the employes named WAUGH, and slightly injuring another of the workmen named ASTON. The building, (a frame one,) was totally destroyed, the timbers being thrown in every direction and to great distances. The house adjoining the factory was also much shattered, leaving not a pane of glass unbroken. Owing to the early hour in which the explosion occurred, but few of those employed there had arrived, otherwise the loss of life must have been fearful.

The property is owned by Dr. MILNAR, and his loss will amount to nearly $2,500.

The Coroner has been notified to hold an inquest over the remains of WAUGH.

On Tuesday afternoon Roundsman FLOGERTY, of the Thirty-first Precinct, reported to the Station-house that an explosion had taken place in the percussion cap manufactory of Messrs. ROMMER & CO., Seventy-ninth-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, but fortunately no one was injured. JOHN SAVERY, the only man then in the premises, made his escape into the street, receiving not a single scratch. The explosion took place while mixing materials for making

THE MYSTERIOUS MURDER AT MANHATTAN POINT.—OBSTRUCTIONS OF THE CORONER'S INQUIRY.—THE PROFIT DERIVED BY HIS BROTHER.

Coroner COLLIN yesterday concluded the inquest in the case of the German who was found on Monday night by Dr. MESSELL, at Hunters Point, in a dying state, a full account of which we published in the TIMES of yesterday. A man named FRANCIS KIMMERS appeared before the Coroner yesterday and testified that the deceased was his brother, and that his (deceased's) name was MAGNUS KIMMERS, a carver by occupation, doing a good business in one of the Broadway saloons. He resided in Clinton-street, in this City, and had been missed by his friends since Monday morning last.

Upon all of the testimony in the case, the jury, after a brief and rather charge from Coroner COLLIN, rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from injuries about the head and face, produced by some person to them unknown.

The whole transaction is as remarkable as it is sad. The brother testifies that deceased was very temperate and industrious in his habits, and had been so for a long time past; that he was not known to have an enemy in the world, and was always peaceable in returning home after the business of the day was concluded. Notwithstanding these facts, we find that he has been brutally and cruelly murdered by being kicked and struck on the head and face in such a manner that when found his face was nothing but a mass of jelly, and his tongue was entirely severed from the roots, according to the testimony of Dr. Rockwell, Physician to Coroner, who made the post-mortem examination. It is the decided judgment of the latter that death was the result of violent blows upon the head and face, inflicted by some one who had an very heavy, blackened fist. The Coroner and the Police of the Precinct have had their hands and their selves to the utmost to ascertain the person or persons who have been guilty of the outrage, but thus far without success.

Fourth Sessions in the Court of Special Sessions.

CASES DISPOSED OF BY THE COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS DURING THE YEAR 1861.

	Gen. Sess.	Sp. Sess.
Petit larceny	1,307	250
Assault and battery	1,475	220
Disorderly houses	1	27
Malicious mischief	24	10
Trespass, expulsion of persons	19	3
Illegal voting	6	1
Violating Corporation ordinances	90	23
Violating Excise laws, gambling, &c.	4	4
Assault and battery on officer	1	1
Embezzlement	12	1
Other misdemeanors	12	2
Disorderly students		203
Totals	3,897	803
Making		4,700
Not so disposed of		1
Total cases disposed of		4,699
Sent to Penitentiary—Males		617
Females		494
Sent to City Prison—Males		1,112
Females		609
Sent to House of Refuge—Boys		111
Girls		1,041
Fined—Males		
Females		
Amount received for fines, $3,202 14.		

R. H. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

Annual Meeting of the New-York Fresco Association.

The annual meeting of this Association was held, yesterday afternoon, at the office of the *Scientific American*, R. N. HAVARS, Esq., in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. JESSE A. BRYAN, an amendment to the Constitution, increasing the number of Vice-Presidents, was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was presented, showing the total receipts during the year to be $3,222 72, while the disbursements amounted to $3,050 07. The balance on hand is $172 71.

The election of officers was then gone into, with the following result:

President—John DAVIS WOLFE.

Vice-Presidents—James H. Titus, George Hall, R. N. Havens, Israel Russell, J. Stanton Gould, Wm. C. Gilman.

Corresponding Secretary—E. C. Wines.

Treasurer—Wm. E. Gilman, Jr.

Recording Secretary—Frank W. Ballard.

Executive Committee—Solomon Jennet, Stephen Cutter, Abraham Denike, Salem H. Wales, R. F. Marshall, Ed. Richardson, John H. Keyser, Adam T. Bartlett, Joseph T. Joy, H. K. Bull, Geo. E. Baker, H. A. Oakley, G. F. Dingsway, A. Boal, John H. Griscom, John A. Bryan, Francis Lieber, A. B. Conger, R. F. S. Morse, Edward Cooper, J. S. Van Duzer, James C. Holden, John T. Hoffman, John H. Anthon, Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., John A. Fuller, Rev. J. J. Owen, D. D., Wm. E. Beach, L. P. Brockett.

The meeting then adjourned.

Naval Stores Exchange Room.

Yesterday morning a meeting of merchants in naval stores, comprising oils, petroleum, paints, drugs, varnishes, &c., was held at the New Merchants' Exchange and News Room, Nos. 89 and 91 Pine-street. Mr. SYLVANUS MACY presided, and C. G. TURNER acted as Secretary. The object of the meeting was to decide upon an Exchange Room, in which to meet and transact business. After much discussion, it was agreed that the traders in naval stores should meet daily in the rooms designated above, from 11 to 12 o'clock M. A Committee of Arbitration will be appointed, to whom all disputes relative to the sale of goods will be referred. Messrs. C. G. Williams, A. C. Ferris, M. A. Finch, Samuel Eagle and Sylvanus Macy were named to nominate the Committee.

Interesting to the Jews.

Mr. ISAACS, the Secretary of the Board of American Delegates of American Israelites, has addressed to the Press of this City the following note:

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DELEGATES OF AMERICAN ISRAELITES.
NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1863.

GENTLEMEN: Will you be kind enough to give publicity to the fact that Gen. GRANT's order (published in the *Express* of Monday,) excluding "all Jews" from his Department, has been rescinded by the General-in-Chief.

Immediately on observing the tenor of the unjust and outrageous "order," this Committee communicated with the authorities at Washington, and have just learned from Gen. HALLECK that he promptly revoked the order on receiving it at headquarters.

I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,
MYER S. ISAACS, Secretary.

The Reception of Maj.-Gen. Butler.

The Committee from the Chamber of Commerce, appointed for the purpose of arranging for the reception of Gen. BUTLER in this City, met yesterday in Room No. 10, Insurance Buildings. There was very little progress made, beyond a general talk about the manner of the reception. The Committee had telegraphed to Gen. BUTLER, in order to ascertain where they could have an interview with him, and while they were in session yesterday, a dispatch was received from the General stating that he would be at the Fifth-avenue Hotel this evening. When he arrives the Committee's letter of invitation will be presented to him, and, of course, his reply will guide their action in the matter.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE REDEMPTION OF SOILED POSTAGE STAMPS.—The redemption of soiled postage stamps is continued regularly at the Post-office, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. The regulation of the Postmaster-General, which allows thirty days for the presentation of the stamps, has been applied so as to exclude Sundays and holidays; and in the 19 working days which have so far passed, more than $200,000 worth of antiquated and outlawed "gumbacks" have been offered for redemption, and the crowd of applicants has not decreased. It is observed, however, that the average amount of the packages is less than at first. Quite as much labor is required, however, and it has been found necessary by Postmaster WARDEN, and by the Cashier, Mr. H. W. Webster, in whose department the work of redemption is conducted, to increase the force which was employed in assorting and counting the stamps, and in paying the checks that were issued to persons presenting the same. The amount of money which has been given in exchange for the stamps is now about $40,000. Only eleven days yet remain of the thirty days originally allowed, and as the Postmaster-General has decided that all the stamps must be presented during this time, those of our fellow-citizens who have soiled stamps in their possession and desire to receive the money for them, ought to place themselves (or their stamps) in line at the Post-office, lest the crowd should become finally so great that their opportunities will be lost. No period of grace, it should be remembered, is promised.

A CONSCIENTIOUS CHAIRMAN.—On Tuesday afternoon Officer SHERWOOD, of the Broadway Squad, observing a carriage standing on the crosswalk in Fourth-street, ordered the driver to move on. The driver appeared to be perfectly astonished at receiving such an order, informing the officer that he was in the employ of Mr. WM. B. ASTOR. The officer informed him that the fact of his being in Mr Astor's

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NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1863.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Farrebe's Fourth Annual Parisian Bohemian Soirées.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—B. Pelton, (The Martyrs.)

WINTER GARDEN—The Irish Ambassador—The Lakes of Killarney—The Miscreants Valet.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—Jenny Lind—The Iroquois.

WALLACK'S—A Bold Stroke for a Husband.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—(No. 659 Broadway) Buckley's Serenaders.

GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—Fidelio.

GOUPIL'S GALLERY—(No. 772 Broadway,) Gerder's New Picture, Under Niagara.

MELODEON—Fairy and Magicians.

BROADWAY MENAGERIE—Continue Beasts of Natural History.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Miss Lavinia Warren, the Queen of Beauty; Gen. Nutt, &c., as all hours—Gulliver Dawn afternoon and evening.

BANVARD'S NEW HALL OF ART (No. 659 Broadway)—Banvard's Panorama of the Mississippi and the War.

BROOKLYN ARENA—Classic and Modern Gymnastics.

☞ Revenue Stamps for Checks, in sheets, for sale at Times Counting-Room.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have intelligence from Vicksburgh one day later than previously published, which brings the fighting up to Tuesday, Dec. 30. The information corresponds very nearly with that contained in a rebel dispatch from Vicksburgh, published in the Richmond papers, and reprinted in the Times day before yesterday. The fighting on Sunday, the 28th, it will be recollected, was apparently much in our favor, Gen. Sherman having fought his way to within two miles of the city. The struggle over the last line of rebel fortifications on Monday, it now appears, was of the most desperate character, and resulted in the temporary repulse of our forces with considerable loss. The rebels are said to have concentrated all their forces from Pochom and Grenada, and along the line of the railroad, numbering about 40,000 men, and this overwhelming force was thrown against Sherman, with the effect of pushing him back to his first line. There was some fighting also on Tuesday morning, but our forces were in a position to render any attack, and were confident of ultimate victory. One account of our losses estimates them at three thousand, while another puts them at from four to five thousand. The fighting on Sunday is represented to have been of the most desperate character, much of it being hand to hand, over fortifications and batteries. Gen. Hovey had been dispatched with 1,500 men on a special mission—probably to destroy railroad communication—but had not been heard from, and fears were entertained for his safety. Nothing had been heard of the forces below, under Banks and Farragut.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati *Commercial*, dated Memphis, Dec. 31, says: "The fortifications in the rear of Vicksburgh do not extend as far as reported. Instead of eight miles, they go no further than three. As late as Monday week they had no guns mounted on works in the rear of the town. This line is exposed, as the rebels had no idea but that Grant and Fairragut would have to fight it out before they reached Vicksburgh. People in Vicksburgh admit they can be starved out, but hoot at the idea of being compelled to give up in any other way. Their impression is, a few troops can hold the place securely against all comers. Consequently, there are not many troops in sight, though it is understood there are thousands in easy supporting distance."

We have reports from Murfreesboro to the 6th inst. The reports of the demoralization of the retreating rebel army are confirmed. Wounded rebel officers estimate their losses at from 12,000 to 15,000—a great proportion being leading officers. The enemy's rear guard was encountered on Sunday night by Gen. Stanley's Cavalry, and suffered a loss of thirty men. Bragg says that Bragg intends taking the remnants of his army to Chattanooga.

The Nashville *Union* of Dec. 25 has advices from Murfreesboro previous to the recent battle, through a fugitive negro and from other sources, which represent that Bragg's army was fed with the greatest difficulty, as it was obliged to depend almost wholly upon supplies forwarded by rail from Chattanooga. These were consumed nearly as fast as they were received, and it was found utterly impossible in consequence for Bragg to attempt a forward movement. This state of affairs doubtless had much to do with Bragg's precipitate retreat after his terrible repulse on Friday.

A letter from a member of the Anderson Troop, which refused to go into action at Murfreesboro, attempts to justify the action of the corps. The only grounds alleged are that it had no confidence in its officers, and that it had been disappointed in not being assigned to duty as Gen. Rosecrans' body guard.

Gen. Carter, in his recent raid into East Tennessee, had but 1,000 cavalry with him. The results are the destruction of two important bridges and a long line of the East Tennessee Railroad, the killing, wounding and capturing of 450 rebels, the taking of 700 stand of arms and a large amount of salt, flour and other rebel stores, besides the destruction of a locomotive and two engines. Gen. Carter lost but ten men during the expedition, which returned to Mooresburg, Kentucky, on Tuesday. The rebels are in great trepidation about this affair, as their most direct line of communication with the Southwest is now severed in such a manner that it will take several weeks to repair damage.

A considerable body of rebels, under Cols. Ingersoll and Jackson, attacked the National forces under Col. Wagenner, at Moorefield, Western Virginia, on Saturday, and fighting continued through Saturday and Sunday. At last accounts Col. Wagenner, having been reinforced by the Brigade under Col. Mulligan, from New-Creek, had succeeded in driving the rebels four miles, and was still in pursuit of them. Gen. Kelley is said to be at Winchester.

Gen. Grant has issued an order bearing upon the recent disgraceful surprise at Holly Springs, Miss. It is dated at that place, Dec. 24, and reads thus: It is with pain and mortification that the General Commanding reflects upon the disgraceful surrender of this place, with all the valuable stores it contained, on the 20th inst., and that without any resistance except by a few men, who form an honorable exception; and this, too, after warning had been given of the advance of the enemy northward the evening previous. With all the cotton, public stores and substantial buildings about the dépôt, it would have been perfectly practicable to have made, in a few hours, defences sufficient to resist, with a small garrison all the cavalry force brought against them until their reinforcements, which the commanding officer had reason to believe, would be coming to his relief, could have reached them."

We learn from headquarters of the Army of the Potomac that Jeff. Davis has returned to Richmond, where he had delivered a very bitter speech against the National Government. Some change has taken place in the position of the rebel force over the Rappahannock, but they are believed to be in the vicinity in full strength. No movement of importance has taken place on our side for several days.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, after some business of minor importance, the petition of certain citizens of Maryland, asking for the repeal of the act abolishing Slavery in the District of Columbia, was reported back from the Judiciary Committee, with the recommendation that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted. A joint resolution distributing Gen. Twiggs' swords was reported from the Military Committee. One goes to Gen. Butler, one to West Point, and one to the Patent-office. The bill in relation to the bounties of volunteers in certain cases was passed. A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to Minnesota all the costs of suppressing the Indian hostilities was referred to the Judiciary Committee. A bill to prevent correspondence with the rebels was introduced by Mr. Sumner, and referred. Mr. Hale introduced a bill to repeal so much of the act establishing the grade of Rear officers in the navy as authorizes the appointment of Rear-Admirals and Commodores on the Retired List. The Postmaster-General was called upon for information regarding the mail arrangements between Washington and New-York. A resolution was adopted instructing the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of providing a suitable location for a Soldier's Home for destitute and disabled soldiers honorably discharged. The bill relating to the discharge of State prisoners was considered, but no conclusion reached upon it. The bill authorizing the President to issue letters-of-marque in certain cases was referred to the Naval Committee. The bill forbidding the pay of officers absent from the army was passed. After an Executive session the Senate adjourned.

In the House, a joint resolution was adopted, directing the Secretary of War to give credit to the several States, in estimating the number of soldiers enrolled therein, for all who are enlisted in the naval service. A preamble and resolution, condemning Gen. Grant's order excluding Jews from his Department, introduced by Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, was laid on the table. A resolution of thanks to Gen. Butler, for his administration of the Department of the Gulf, was objected to, and it went over for debate. The Bankrupt bill was taken up, and Mr. Benson Goodhue addressed the House in favor of its passage. After debate, a motion to lay the bill on the table was disagreed to, 68 to 59. It was finally postponed until Thursday week, and the House adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, notices were given of a number of bills, among them several to reimburse localities for moneys advanced to volunteers. The Governor's Message was received and read. It will be found in full in this morning's Times. A resolution to print 20,000 copies was referred, under the rule. A Committee of Three was appointed to investigate the alleged frauds in the passage or engrossing of the Militia bill last year. The Senate soon afterward adjourned.

In the Assembly, four additional ballots were taken for Speaker, with the same result as on Tuesday. Adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

The gunboat *Penosa* left Philadelphia, on Tuesday, as convoy to the iron-clad *Passaic*, bound to Fortress Monroe. The *Hendrik Hudson*, six guns, the *Rover*, seven guns, and the *Lodona*, converted from a prize, left the same port on the same day for the South.

The Montreal *Commercial Advertiser*, of Saturday, says: "We understand that a seizure of some $10,000 worth of leaf-tobacco, consigned to Messrs. Gerhard, Ehrn & Co., of this city, was made at Rouse's Point, on Saturday last, by the United States authorities, for the alleged reason that it was the property of a firm, one of the partners in which is supposed to come here from the Confederate States, and is associated in business with a British subject. The member of the firm referred to is Mr. Ehrn, who, although a native of Virginia, has not been within the limits of the Confederate States since the commencement of the war, having been, during the last two years, engaged in the commission business in the City of New-York. No charge of disloyalty was ever brought against him, and he is a native of New-York, and the sentence of his parents, for no other reason than that he is a Virginian by birth, is certainly an extraordinary proceeding. The necessary protests, we are informed, have been entered to recover the tobacco."

The Stock Exchange was greatly excited, yesterday afternoon, and closed, on the speculative list, at rapidly advancing prices: Gold, 135½; Exchange, 149@149½.

Breadstuffs were less active, and prices were depressed yesterday. Cotton was in fair demand, at steady rates. A very moderate business was transacted in Sugars, Teas, Rice, Molasses, Whisky, Pork, Beef, Butter, and Cheese; while Bacon, Lard, Tallow, Hay, Coffee, Raisins, Manilla Hemp, Wool, and Tobacco, were in good request. Fish, Metals, Oils, and Naval Stores, were quiet. The Freight market was rather inactive, though shippers had any existing advantages. There were 568 vessels, of all classes, in port.

Vicksburgh.—Our news from the scene of operations on the Mississippi River does not come very rapidly. The latest is up to Monday, the 29th of December—ten days ago. At that time there had been nothing decisive, though the losses suffered give abundant indication of the great severity of the fighting during the eight days that operations had then been going on. What may have occurred since the date of our news it is impossible to say. It may be that the statement officially transmitted by Gen. Grant, that he had learned from rebel sources that Vicksburgh was in possession of our troops before the close of the year, is correct. It may be that the large force which the rebels were enabled to concentrate with such rapidity at Vicksburgh has been able to hold our army at bay. But if, as is stated, the rebels have gathered there all their troops *from Grenada, from Jackson, and from the* whole line of the Mississippi Central Railroad, as well as some from the other side of the Mississippi River, we do not see why almost the whole of Gen. Grant's troops, both those under his immediate command at Holly Springs and those stationed at Memphis, might not hasten down to cooperate in front and rear with our battling army at Vicksburgh—that is to say, if the place be not yet captured, and if there is such a vast disparity between the forces of Van Dorn and those of Gen. Sherman. Gen. Grant can have no enemy now either in his front or rear—those in his front having all gone down to Vicksburgh, and those up in West Tennessee having just been utterly overthrown by Gen. Sherman. The dispatches are very contradictory as to whether Grant has or has not reinforced Sherman at all.

We think it is very unfortunate that Farragut's fleet, on the Lower Mississippi, has not been able to cooperate in the grand assault on Vicksburgh. The fleet, it is true, failed, when alone, to reduce the place last Summer, but there is highly important work it might now do in connection with our land attack. And if, as we were given to understand was the case, a land force from New-Orleans was sent up the river by Gen. Banks, to act also as a cooperative body, we do not see why it should not have been heard from after operations had been going on for eight days.

Gov. Seymour's Message.

Gov. Seymour's Message has made its appearance. There is nothing in it to revolutionize and very little to startle the country. For a document concerning which such extravagant expectations have been excited in advance, it is remarkably innocent and commonplace. There is a great deal of very sound, though not very novel, political wisdom in it;—it plays with Secession and State Rights as a prudent child might play with edged tools, carefully and with well-timed caution;—it panders somewhat sycophantically to the passions, passions and prejudices to which Gov. Seymour owes his election;—and it deals very largely, but very innocently in the simply declamatory about "conciliation" and "concession," which long ago lost all meaning, and has come to be simply the staple of talk with those who have nothing else to say.

But when it comes to *business*, the Message is substantially practical and sensible after all. Here is the sum and substance of that whole matter:

"We must accept the situation of affairs as they stand. At this moment the fortunes of our country are influenced by the results of battle. Our armies in the field must be supported; all constitutional demands of our General Government must be promptly responded to.

"But war alone will not save the Union. The rule of force which is used to put down an ordinary insurrection is not applicable to a wide-spread armed resistance of great communities. It is wickedness and folly to shut our eyes to this truth.

"There are circumstances upon the destiny of the Union we remember. We will put forth every exertion of power; we will use every policy of conciliation; we will hold out every inducement to the people of the South to return to their allegiance, consistent with honor; we will guarantee them every right, every consideration demanded by the Constitution, and by that fraternal regard which must prevail in a common country; but we can never voluntarily consent to the breaking up of the Union of these States, or the destruction of the Constitution."

This is orthodox. It does not look as if Gov. Seymour intended to "stop the draft"—or resist the attempt of the General Government to crush the rebellion—or solicit the mediation of New-Jersey—or recognize the independence of the Southern Confederacy.

A very large portion of the Message consists of disquisitions on certain political topics which have been brought into prominence by the events of the war. Gov. Seymour discusses the *causes* of the rebellion, and discovers them, not in Slavery, (which was "the *subject*, not the cause of the controversy,") but in "local prejudices, which have grown up in the two extremes of our country," which strikes us as merely a roundabout phrase, meaning the same thing. He thinks that laws and rulers ought to be respected—that economy and integrity ought to be maintained—that the limitations of power in the several departments of our Government ought to be observed—that *real* State Rights ought to be respected—that arbitrary arrests ought not to be made—that martial law ought not to prevail where war does not exist,—and that we must not allow the arbitrary arrests that have been made to "become precedents." We have no quarrel with Gov. Seymour on any of these points. Substantially, we agree with him upon them all. We presume that upon the abstract questions which he thus raises there is very little difference of opinion or of sentiment among the people. The main difference lies in this,—that the great body of the people recognize the fact that our Government has been acting in the presence and under the pressure of the most appalling peril that can overhang any Government or any nation; and that under such circumstances it must act with the energy and prompt resolution which the case requires—even to the sacrifice, for the moment, of some of the safeguards and immunities which the Constitution has thrown around the rights and liberties of the individual citizen;—while, on the other hand, Gov. Seymour either does not recognize the imminence of the impending peril, or else he is not willing to make the temporary sacrifices required to avert it. His alarm about the permanent danger to personal rights seemed to be involved in these proceedings is not shared by the community, and is absurd and ridiculous in itself. If genuine, it is the offspring of weak nerves and a morbid fancy, far more likely to be terrified by shadows than to recognize real danger. By thousands who pretend to share it, it is merely a cloak for actual sympathy with those who are in rebellion against the Government.

Gov. Seymour denounces the Proclamation of Emancipation precisely as he did before it was issued. He says now, as he said then, but without the same excuse, that "the sole effect of the Proclamation is to declare the emancipation of slaves of those who are not in rebellion, and who are, therefore, loyal citizens." It is to be presumed that Gov. Seymour has read the document which he thus denounces; he must know, therefore, that it excepts those States and parts of States which are not in rebellion against the National Government. The Governor says that "the opinion that Slavery must be abolished to restore our Union, creates an *antagonism between the Free and Slave States which ought not to exist.*" It is unfortunate, undoubtedly, that any such "antagonism" should exist; the country would feel greatly obliged to Gov. Seymour for information as to how it may be removed.

By far the worst part of the Governor's Message is that in which he hints, at length and with great zeal, to create a *feeling of jealousy* and of rivalry among the loyal States, with the motive avowedly concealed of promoting the *spirit and purpose of secession* here at home. He seeks to array the Central and Western States against New-England,—to show that the West must and will join the South-west;—that the Central States will overrule and override New-England, and that New-York is unjustly treated by having her vote in the Senate offset by that of each of the smaller States. We shall take occasion to refer to this portion of the Message hereafter. At present, we can merely direct attention to it as embodying a disguised but manifest endeavor to overthrow in the public judgment, an essential and fundamental principle of the Federal Constitution, without which our Union never could have been formed, and upon which alone *any* Union, of few States or of many, is possible hereafter,—we mean the principle of *State Equality*. The messages of the Governors of Ohio and Pennsylvania, both of which are noticed in our columns this morning, show how absurd is Gov. Seymour's assumption that upon this point his sentiments are shared by those two great Central States. We presume they will receive quite as little approbation from the people of his own State, on whose behalf he pretends to speak.

Foreign Mediation.

The Washington correspondence of the *Tribune* announces that "Mr. Vallandigham will, in a few days, address the House in *favor of foreign mediation* as a means of settling the present National troubles." We are glad to hear it. The matter will be in good hands, and if we may do so without impertinence, we beg the *Tribune* to leave it there. That journal has recently advocated the mediation of some disinterested foreign power, preferring Switzerland, between our Government and the Confederacy of rebel States. We hope it will not persist in urging, or in any way favoring this mode of "settling the present National troubles." Let Mr. Vallandigham and his associates take the entire credit and responsibility of it.

At the very outset of the rebellion Mr. Seward took the ground that whatever else might happen, we should never tolerate the interference of any foreign Power in this controversy. It was the right ground then, and it is the right ground now. There has never been a time, and we do not believe the time will ever come, when it would be consistent with our national honor, or our national safety, or when it would promote the real interests or meet the public sentiment of either section of the country, to permit any foreign Government to dictate or decide the terms on which this contest shall be adjusted. It is purely and exclusively a domestic quarrel. Its origin and its results,—the motives out of which it grew, the principles which it involves, and the consequences which will follow it, are thoroughly American. No foreign Power can so appreciate or understand them as to become a competent arbiter, and any settlement which any such Power might dictate or bring about would, of necessity, be more so much that it absolutely essential to a right decision, as to be utterly lacking in moral weight and permanent stability.

The whole controversy is narrowed down to a question of force. It makes just now not the slightest odds what the South may demand, nor what the North may be willing to give—because neither will be governed by that consideration. Both have appealed to *force*. In its present shape it is a *trial of strength*, of military power;—and until that issue has been decided, distinctly and to the satisfaction of both, neither will admit any other. *What both sides want is military success.* Both hope for it, and both will strive for it. That is the only point on which they agree. And it is utterly idle to talk about Mediation, or Conventions, or Concessions of any kind, until that has been decided. Mediation—foreign or domestic—of England, France, Switzerland or New-Jersey, is utterly out of the question. Concessions and all talk of concessions are idle and ridiculous, and the only Conventions we can hold are on the field of battle,—where artillery and infantry are the representatives,—where cannon and the bayonet carry on the debate, and where the only question to be decided is, which is the strongest. When that has been satisfactorily solved, other questions will come up, to be decided by other means. But until then let us give our exclusive and undivided attention to the subject in hand.

Gen. Butler's New Command.—When Gen. Butler was withdrawn from the command at New-Orleans, the Administration was prompt to avow that no censure of that officer was intended, and that he would speedily be assigned to some other and important duty. Speculation has, on this assumption, been busy with Gen. Butler's name. Some have suggested that he would be made Secretary of War; others that he would be placed in command of the Army of the Potomac; and others still, that he would be transferred to the Department of the South, and intrusted with the task of capturing and subduing Charleston, as he had captured and subdued the Crescent City.

We confess to having experienced a sensation of decided pleasure when this last conjecture was put forth. Charleston, of all rebel cities, most deserves chastisement and humiliation. Gen. Butler, of all men in the nation, seems best calculated to administer the needed discipline. He has experience in just such work. He appreciates, as few of our officers can, the exact frame of mind of a captured rebel city, and the various ingenious modes of escaping the just infliction of penalty for treason. No veteran pedagogue ever understood the tricks of truant schoolboys better.

It is with decided regret, therefore, that we find it now given out from Washington that Gen. Butler is not going to South Carolina, because "the President considers the Department of the South as belonging to Gen. Hunter." In what way Gen. Hunter obtained a title to this Southern Department does not appear. The practice of the Government has not been to recognize any man's claim to property in a public position. If an officer could earn a title to a Department, and hold it by that title regardless of all other considerations, Gen. Butler would have fairly earned the right to remain in command at New-Orleans till the close of the war. But the President did not look at the matter in this light, and without consultation with Gen. Butler gave his Department to another.

The people will not be content to see Gen. Butler withdrawn from the public service, for which he has developed an aptitude the most remarkable. And we know of no field upon which he could labor with more acceptance than in the neighborhood of Charleston, South Carolina.

Carter's Raid and its Results.—Gen. Rosecrans is reported to credit his success against the rebels, in his well-fought battles around Murfreesboro, in a great degree to the timely cooperation of Gen. Carter, who conducted a successful raid against the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, and cut off reinforcements from Virginia to Bragg's army. The signal triumph of Gen. Rosecrans will go far to redeem Tennessee from the presence of rebel authority, and it will be a happy coincidence if the daring enterprise, valor and skill of a distinguished Tennesseean have contributed materially to the result. And it will still further enhance the interest of the event, if the blood of murdered Unionists in East Tennessee, swung from ignominious gibbets in sight of the bridges once before destroyed by them in behalf of free Government, has now been avenged by a loyal East Tennesseean, who has helped to crush a rebel army in the superabundance of his vengeance.

Gen. Carter has returned from his successful cavalry raid upon the enemy's lines of communication into East Tennessee, which, in brilliancy and practical results, far surpasses anything ever achieved by the rebel Stuart. It appears that Gen. Carter, with a thousand cavalrymen, (Pennsylvanians and Ohioans,) left London, or rather Richmond, Ky., on the 31st of December; that he marched through Southeastern Kentucky and through the southwest corner of Virginia into East Tennessee, and fell upon the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad where it crosses the Holston River, a few miles within the State of Tennessee, and burned the important railroad bridge there, and also that over the Watauga River; that he fought two brisk skirmishes, and killed, wounded and captured over 500 rebels, beside capturing 700 stand of arms and a large amount of rebel stores; and that, after thus doing his work, and chastising the rebels, he returned to Kentucky with a loss of but ten men.

The distance traversed by these bold riders, from the point of starting in Kentucky to the point of action in Tennessee, was over two hundred miles, through a mountainous country, affording few passable roads and only the most scanty supplies. The destruction of rebel bridges, property, &c., must have been a vast damage to the rebel cause in Tennessee; but all advantages to us sink into insignificance when we think of the grand effect upon the battle raging at Murfreesboro, breaking the hearts of the rebel hordes and giving a glorious victory to the Union cause.

We are inclined to think this expedition of Gen. Carter will prove the most extensive, well ordered and successful achievement of the kind that the war has produced. Even the Richmond *Examiner* says that "the raid is certainly a most daring one, and argues an audacity in the enemy (the Unionists) which they were not supposed to possess."

Shall not our armies all profit by the example set them by Gen. Carter? Do we not have soldiers brave enough, riders skillful enough, horses fleet enough and Generals daring enough, to accomplish as much as the rebels have ever done in bold reconnoissances and raids? All that any of our Generals commanding need do is to designate the work and call for volunteers and a leader to do it. It will be done quickly enough.

An Imperious Necessity.—There are thousands and tens of thousands of families throughout the country whose husbands and fathers have been killed in the war, or have perished from disease, and who are now suffering for want of the *back pay* which was due them at the time of their death. They find it utterly impossible to get any attention to their claims from the authorities at Washington. We know instances in this City of precisely this kind. Widows, whose husbands have fallen on the field of battle, and who have nothing whatever for themselves and their children to live upon, would be made comfortable if they could only get the pay which was due their husbands when they fell. Yet all their applications have been utterly fruitless. They cannot even get answers to the inquiries which are made on their behalf.

This is a gross wrong—one which demands an immediate remedy. We understand perfectly the immense amount of business which presses upon the attention of the War Department. But the machinery of that Department *should be made equal to the necessities of the case.* If there are not clerks enough to attend to its business, let there be more. But it is a shame and a reproach to have such claims as these unsatisfied, and even unnoticed. If the Secretary of War needs more clerks, let him apply to Congress for authority to employ them.

The Cruise for the Alabama.—The following extract of a letter from Washington conveys information of some importance concerning the efforts of the Navy Department to capture the rebel privateer *Alabama*:

"It is understood that the Navy Department has

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

CHANGES INDICATED IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

It is positively asserted that an important change will be made in the War Department by the 20th inst. Some believe that Mr. Stanton himself contemplates retirement; others state that Assistant Secretary Watson is going; while still others insist that both the chief and the subordinate will vacate together. In case of a change in the head of the Department, public sentiment, among the unconditionally loyal, demands the appointment of Gen. Butler to the position.

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

The Committee of Ways and Means held a laborious session, to-day, of nearly six hours, adjourning at 5 o'clock this afternoon, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee were generally approved, and fully justify the statements made in our dispatch of yesterday. It is likely that the amount of legal-tender notes agreed on may be increased to three hundred millions, and that the same amount of currency bonds may be authorized, having three years to run, and bearing interest of 5.40 per cent., which will be about 1½ cents per day upon each bond of a hundred dollars. Whether these bonds will be made convertible at the pleasure of the holder, into legal-tender notes, is a point upon which the Committee is not yet agreed, there being considerable difference of opinion in regard to the expediency of this provision. The chances now seem to be in favor of its adoption. The Committee feel confident that they can complete their bill in season to report it to the House to-morrow.

THE GOVERNMENT REVENUE.

The receipts from duties under the customs and internal revenue laws, up to to-day, have been eight million four hundred seventy thousand one hundred sixteen dollars and ten cents, (8,470,116 10.) The receipts to-day were over a quarter of a million. On Monday last the receipts were three hundred eighty-eight thousand (388,000) dollars, the highest figure yet reached in one day.

THE PRESIDENT'S OPINION OF GEN. BURNSIDE.

Not only is the President greatly impressed, as is everybody, with Gen. Burnside's thorough honesty and frankness, and his freedom from all selfish and personal aims, but he is also minded of the reliability of his military judgment. He now expresses the belief that Burnside would have carried the enemy's works on Sunday, had he been able to attack with the fourth corporation of his Commanders of divisions and corps. It is unquestionable, he thinks, as we stated some time ago, that the ordnance stores of the enemy were exhausted; and this accounts for the primitive character of the missiles used on Saturday, as well as their failure to shell our troops after the battle.

BUTLER'S BRAINS.

A prominent Senator told the President, a few days since, that Gen. Butler had shown more brains in the service than all the rest of the three hundred Generals he had made.

ROSECRANS FIGHTS FIRST AND EXPLAINS AFTERWARD.

The silence of Gen. Rosecrans during the fight at Murfreesboro, and which continued so much and so long, seems to have resulted from his consciousness that the Government could give him no aid in the emergency, and that it was not worth his while to trouble himself about dispatches till the fight was over. Not dependent on Washington for orders, and having no hope of reinforcements, the hero of Rich Mountain gave his whole energies and thoughts to the work of whipping the enemy; and his concentration of ideas and efforts has been rewarded by the most important victory of the war.

THE FLORIDA REORGANIZATION SCHEME.

Hon. Eli Thayer, who is waiting on the unfulfilled pledge of Secretary Seward for his appointment, as long promised, as Military Governor of Florida, is strongly urged by prominent citizens of New-York to visit that City and hold a meeting at Cooper Institute for the full explanation of his plan for the colonization of Florida with white free-labor emigrants from the North. Mr. Thayer is a speaker of great power, and his reputation and the importance of his views would invest such an exposition with great interest.

ANTI-SLAVERY MEMORIAL.

A voluminous document was presented to the Senate on Tuesday, in shape of a memorial from Gen. R. Cameron and other ministers and members of Christian Churches of New-York and Brooklyn, convened at the Church of the Puritans, deprecating the indecisive manner in which the war has been conducted in regard to Slavery, and recommending that a more energetic policy be pursued for the entire, unconditional and immediate emancipation of the slaves of persons, whether loyal or disloyal, and for the speedy termination of the rebellion.

SLAVES ASSERTING THEIR FREEDOM.

Large numbers of the slaves in the lower counties of Maryland, since the Christmas Holidays, have refused to go to work for their masters unless they are paid wages for their labor, alleging that they became free on the 1st of January by the Proclamation of Emancipation. The masters are afraid to employ force, lest thereby they incur the vengeance of the "abolitionists," and drive them into acts of violence, for which, it is said, the masters are fully prepared. Some of the slaveholders, in order to settle the matter amicably, and "preserve peace" in the family, have agreed to pay their slaves wages; others, however, have refused, and their negroes are escaping in droves.

Two years ago the ringleaders in a movement of this kind would have been seized and hung without process of law. Now, the slaves are ready to meet the responsibility of their acts, and to defend themselves.

THE MARINE CORPS.

Mr. Hickman's bill, introduced into the House to-day, to promote the efficiency of the marine corps, looks to a complete reorganization of this branch of the service.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS SENT NORTH.

Three hundred wounded soldiers from the hospitals were sent North to-day. A number belonging to Vermont regiments were sent to their homes in that State.

THE SURGEON-GENERAL GONE WEST.

Surgeon-Gen. Hammond left to-day for the late battle fields in the west.

ACTING REAR ADMIRALS.

The Secretary of the Navy, in reply to a resolution of the Senate, asking him to inform that body whether he has appointed, since the adjournment of Congress, any Acting Rear Admirals; if so, how many, and by virtue of what law, states that since the last adjournment of Congress four officers appointed to the command of squadrons, and thus entitled to the privileges of "flag officers," have received, temporarily, the designation of Acting Rear Admirals, yet this

the carving and gilding, and the entire embellishment of promotion to any the finest bill that ever issued in these country.

JERSEY CITY BILLS.

Counterfeits of the United States Stock Bank of Jersey City are being circulated in Washington, with the evident intention of stealing the credit of the Treasury Note circulation. The Jersey notes are printed in green and black, with green backs, and were executed by the same engravers who engraved the United States notes. The words "United States" in the Jersey bill are made quite prominent, and the similitude of the notes to the United States issues is evidently intentional.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD OPEN.

It will be a source of profound satisfaction throughout the whole country, and especially the West, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is again repaired and in running order along its entire length. The first train went over Monday, leaving Baltimore at 9 o'clock A. M., and running to both Parkersburgh and Wheeling, and this will be repeated every day during the Winter. A special train will also be run to Harper's Ferry.

Not only is this result highly important in a military sense, but it again gives the public access to the Cumberland coal region, whose products, accumulated in great quantity, are so greatly needed at the present time.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

A NATIONAL CURRENCY.

Representative HOOPER, to-day, introduced in the House a bill to provide a National currency, secured by a pledge of the United States stock, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof. It designs to establish in the Treasury Department a separate bureau, with a Comptroller of the Currency, and to regulate associations or companies, which may be formed in connection with this business. The bill is in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury; is approved by him, and is similar in its leading features to that introduced at the former session of Congress.

THE SWORDS OF MAJ.-GEN. TWIGGS.

The Military Committee of the Senate possess to dispose of the swords belonging to the late Maj.-Gen. Twiggs, recovered by Gen. Butler, as follows:

The one cried by Congress to Gen. Twiggs to be given to Gen. Butler.

The one presented by the State of Georgia to Gen. Twiggs to be given to the West Point Academy.

The one presented by the City of Augusta, Ga., to Gen. Twiggs, to be given to the Patent Office.

GONE SOUTH.

The steamer New-York left here this afternoon with about 450 women and children for Richmond and other parts of the South. They are going down by permission, and at the expense of the Government. Nearly six hundred applications had been made and allowed, but only the above numbers availed themselves of the privilege to-day. Eight officers were engaged last night in examining baggage. In many of the trunks were found dress goods of various kinds and textures, pins, needles, shoes, thread, &c. Where it was evident the goods were intended for speculation, they were promptly confiscated. A number of sympathizing friends were at the wharf to bid them farewell.

GOING WEST.

Maj. Wm. McMichael, Assistant Adjutant-General, has been relieved from service on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Halleck, and ordered to report himself for duty to Maj.-Gen. Rosecrans.

NURSES FOR THE ARMY.

The Surgeon-General has approved, and the Senate Military Committee have before them a measure designed to promote greater efficiency among, and a more careful selection of female nurses in the army; also to encourage ladies to enter upon such duty as an honorable profession.

CONSUL CONFIRMED.

The Senate, to-day, confirmed the nomination of James Monroe, of Ohio, to be Consul at Rio Janeiro, in the place of Richard C. Parsons, resigned.

NOMINATION.

The President has nominated Commodore Farragut to be Captain in the Navy on the reserved list.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the correspondence and reports concerning the accident to the steam battery Passaic.

Mr. King, of New-York, (Rep.) presented a petition, protesting against the action of the Advisory Board of the Navy.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, (Rep.) from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the petition of certain citizens of Maryland, asking for the immediate repeal of the act abolishing Slavery in the District of Columbia, with the recommendation that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Trumbull also reported back a bill in relation to the District Courts of Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas, which was taken up and passed.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, (Rep.) from the Military Committee, to whom was referred the message of the President concerning the three swords of Gen. Twiggs, transmitted by Gen. Scott, reported a joint resolution distributing the swords, as follows:

The sword voted by Congress, March 2, 1847, to Maj.-Gen. B. F. Butler, as a reward for his distinguished military service during the present rebellion. The sword presented by the State of Georgia, to be deposited in the Library of the Military Academy at West Point. The sword given to Gen. Twiggs by Augusta, his native city, to be preserved in the Patent Office as a trophy of the rebellion.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, from the same Committee, also reported back a bill in relation to the counties of volunteers in certain cases, which was taken up and passed.

Mr. Rice, of Minnesota, (Rep.) introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Government of Minnesota, all the costs, charges, and expenses, incurred in suppressing the Indian hostilities of 1862. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Foster, of Connecticut, (Rep.) introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the Judiciary system of the United States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Harris, of New-York, (Rep.) presented a memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of New-York in respect to the enlargement of the New-York and Illinois Canals.

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, (Dem.) presented the petition of Mr. C. Jewett, stating that it being conceded here and in Europe that the war is for independence on the part of the South, and for the freedom of the slaves on the part of the North, that the points of difference be submitted to the arbitration of Switzerland and others, as favored by Hon. Roscoe Conkling, in conformity with the friendly mediation of Napoleon, and for the establishment of an International Court of Appeals.

Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, (Rep.) introduced a bill to prevent correspondence with the rebels. Referred.

Mr. Baker, of Kentucky, (Union.) introduced a bill to regulate the appointment of midshipmen in the Naval Academy.

Mr. Nesmith, of Oregon, (Dem.) introduced a bill to provide for the better protection of overland emigrants to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Hale, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.) introduced a bill to repeal so much of the act establishing the grade of Rear-Admirals in the navy as authorizes the appointment of Rear-Admirals and Commodores on the retired list. Referred to the Naval Committee.

Mr. Sumner offered a resolution directing the Postmaster-General to furnish to the Senate any information in his possession, explaining the derangement of the mails between Washington and New-York, and stating what can be done for the amelioration of the evil. Adopted.

Mr. Pomeroy, of Kansas, (Rep.) offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of providing a suitable location for and establishing a Soldiers' Home for destitute and disabled soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States. Adopted.

The bill relative to the discharge of State prisoners was then taken up, and Mr. Fessenden proceeded to address the Senate in support of the bill, when the hour of 1 o'clock arrived, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the resolutions of Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, in relation to the Proclamation of Emancipation, and the bill to prohibit the employment of persons in the military and naval service of the United States from returning fugitives from labor to their masters.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, (Rep.) did not know whether he could vote for the bill or not. If it could be made as perfect as possible. The British Habeas Corpus law was the most perfect system ever seen, and was passed in a time of peace and extraordinary quiet. Owing to the peculiar circumstances of the country the subject should receive the most mature deliberation.

Mr. Richardson, of Ohio, (Rep.) as a member of the Select Committee, said the honor and credit of preparing this bill belonged to the Chairman, (Mr. Roscoe Conkling). He believed that the bill embraced substantially all the ideas and features which such a measure should contain. The question of peace and war had no relation to the passage of the Bankrupt bill. If care was bestowed upon it in war, it was likely to be as good as if prepared in time of peace.

Mr. Kennedy of Virginia, (Rep.) briefly argued in favor of the bill, not so much for its effect upon the present as upon the future, and to take care of the wreck which might result from the circumstances now surrounding us, and the superabundance of paper money.

Mr. Walker said the observation of his life had convinced him of the great want of a uniform system of bankruptcy. Every country should have such a system. None felt the necessity more than our own, especially from the peculiar character of our currency.

Mr. Kellogg, of Illinois, (Rep.) moved to lay the bill on the table. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 20 Yeas to 26 Nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen of Ohio, Ancona, Babbett, Bailey, Bingham, Blair of Pennsylvania, Blake, Brown, Buffinton, Burnham, Chamberlain, J. A. Gowling, Corning, Cox, Cravens, Dunlap, Edgerton, Grider, Hall, Harrison, Herrick, Hickman, Holmes, Horton, Johnson, Kelogg of Illinois, Knapp, Law, James Lewis, McPherson, Mallory, Maynard, Menzies, Mitchell, Morrill of Maine, Morris, Noble, Norton, Odell, Pelton, Perry, Porter, Price, Rollins of New-Hampshire, Rollins of Missouri, Shanks, Sherman, Shiel, Smith, Stevens of New-Jersey, Stevens of Pennsylvania, Thomas of Massachusetts, Thomas of Maryland, Trimble, Tweed, Van Valkenburgh, Vorhes, Walker, Ward, Wolcott, Wheeler, Whaley, Wood—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Ashley, Baker, Baxter, Beaman, Biddle, Blair of Virginia, Delaven, Campbell, Clark, Clements, Colfax, Conkling, Cowan, Cutler, Davis, Dawes, Delano, Duell, Eckley, Eliot, Fenton, Fessenden, Fisher, Frank, Gooding, Granger, Gurney, Hale, Hanchett, Kelly, Kellogg of Michigan, Kellogg of Ohio, Lansing, Lee, Loan, McKnight, Moorhead, Morrill of Vermont, Nixon, Odell, Olin, Patton, Patterson, Pike, Pomeroy of Massachusetts, Pomeroy of Kansas, Sargent, Sedgwick, Segar, Shellabarger, Spaulding, Stevens, Thomas of Massachusetts, Thomas of Maryland, Trimble, Twombly, Van Valkenburgh, Vorhes, Walker, Ward, Wolcott, Wheeler, Whaley, Wood—56.

The further consideration of the bill was postponed until Thursday week. Adjourned.

THE FORTER COURT-MARTIAL.

Close of Testimony for Prosecution—Rebutting Evidence—Testimony of Gen. King and Gen. Roberts.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 5, 1863.

Lieut.-Col. Bratton, of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, was sworn for defense, and testified to the condition of the road from Warrenton Junction to Bealeton Station on the night of August 27. He received an order from Gen. Porter at 12 o'clock at night to clear the road of wagons. He found the wagons in the road, horses unhitched and tied to the wagons, and the teamsters not to be found, in many instances. The night was extremely dark. The bridge over Cedar Run was broken and impassable for teams. He should think it would have been very difficult to move a body of infantry or cavalry along that road at night in season. They might have been marched by file, following each other. Artillery could not have been moved without moving the wagons.

The defence here announced that the examination of witnesses on their part was concluded.

The Court, after deliberation, again decided to admit as evidence, the telegrams of Gen. Porter to Burnside, heretofore alluded to, and published in the TIMES.

The orderly that accompanied Capt. Fox, on the occasion of his hearing the marching orders of Gen. Porter to Gen. Pleasonton, on the evening of the 27th of August, was examined on the subject of that trip, as well as on the general topography of the country, and the relative position of the forces that night, but elicited no other or anything of certain interest.

Gen. Rufus King, one of the members of the Court, was next examined.

Questions by the Judge Advocate—I do not recollect having received any order or message from Gen. Porter on the afternoon of the 26th of August, in the presence of Gen. McDowell; he has been doubled to an Orderly. I do not recollect having been in company with Gen. McDowell on the 27th of August. I think I did not see him after 10 o'clock in the morning, when I parted with him near Manassas. I should surely have remembered so important an occurrence as having been in company with Gen. McDowell on that afternoon, and having received, in his presence, such a message (in order to say where he was) as has been testified to.

Questions by Defendant's Counsel—I am sure that I received no such message as stated through Col. Locke, or any other officer. I am sure that I did not see Gen. McDowell, nor to Gen. Porter's messenger, on the afternoon of the 26th of August, or at any other time, that he (McDowell) was going to take my command with him; was not with Gen. McDowell in the afternoon, and heard no such message sent to Gen. Porter at any time; was not well on that day, which was the reason that I was not with my command much of the time.

Gen. D. P. Roberts, Chief of Gen. Pope's Staff, called:

Questions by the Judge-Advocate—I stated that the hour at which Gen. Pope and Gen. McDowell met, was from about 6 to 6½ o'clock P. M. I was out on special duty that day, which was to take observations along the whole line, with a largerette furnished me by Gen. Pope for that purpose. Expecting an attack to be made by the forces of Gen. Porter, in the afternoon, my attention was particularly directed toward his position; I do not think that there was a heavy force of the enemy in front of Gen. Porter on that occasion.

Questions by Defense—The entire force that Gen. Pope fought on the 29th of August, he had assembled the main battle of the day, numbering 20,000 men; I think Gen. Longstreet's command was a part of the enemy's force engaged after two o'clock; the enemy's forces supposed to be engaged in the morning were Jackson's, Ewell's and D. H. Hill's commands; I gather that an officer of intelligence engaged in the fight ought to have a better idea of the force opposing him than a person at a distance and out of sight—reasoning on the matter; I was where I could clearly see Gen. Porter's position several times during the day.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1863.

The final conclusion of the evidence in the Porter Court-martial gives general satisfaction. The tremendous expense of withdrawing seven Brigadier-Generals and three Major-Generals from the service, besides the cost of the salaries and transportation of a hundred witnesses, and the incidental outlay for the paraphernalia of the Court, will make the trial a dear one for the Government. Hon. Reverdy Johnson will sum up for the Defence on Saturday, and is expected to make a strong plea for Gen. Porter. It is said, however, by those who profess to know, that some members of the Court are disposed to deal so severely with Gen. Porter as the evidence will permit. Mr. Hoar has intimated that possibly he will not reply to the defence. It is believed, however, that he will reconsider his determination.

The testimony has, certainly, been quite conflicting; several officers, from the Major-Generals down to the orderlies, before either contradicted or met by some point of evidence which he does not remember.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Porter Court-Martial met at the usual hour, when the journals of its proceedings yesterday were read and testified. It then adjourned over till Saturday next, to afford time to the counsel of the accused to prepare their written defence, it having been decided yesterday afternoon that it should be in writing.

THE McDOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Thirty-Sixth Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1863.

The examination of Capt. Lenzi, of Gen. McDowell's Staff, was resumed.

Questions by the Court—The distance through Thoroughfare Gap is said to be about four miles; there are probably two Gaps; one near the eastern portion of the Mountain, and the other across the Western portion; between the two there is rather an open space, having high banks; the eastern part of the Gap is rather narrow, and has a very steep embankment; the land, on both sides, is wooded. On the eastern side the Gap opens toward the east sufficiently to put batteries in for their defence, which was done by Gen. Ricketts when ordered to defend the Gap. This was done about a half a mile within the entrance of the Gap. As near as I recollect the passage or land on both sides of the Gap is too steep for the "occidental" for troops to pass. I could not state positively the force of Gen. Ricketts at the Gap—probably eight thousand men, besides batteries. I could not judge well how far his troops were stationed inside of the Gap, but I know that they were fighting inside of the Gap. I was not with the advance. Gen. Ricketts was not driven back before he concluded to retire from his position. The description of rebel troops that approached him from the Gap to-

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[illegible] Gen. Butler arrived here this evening en route for New-York and Boston, whither he departs in the morning. During the evening he addressed a party of 800 gentlemen, assembled in the reception room of the Continental, to pay their respects. After his introduction by Judge Lewis, Gen. Butler made a speech of some length and great interest.

After referring in feeling terms to the eulogy with which he had been introduced, he referred to the very different circumstances under which he had previously passed through Philadelphia, on the 19th of April, 1861, when communication was cut off with the Capital, and paid a high compliment to the President of the Washington and Baltimore Railroad, and the authorities of Philadelphia, for their efforts in urging him to proceed to Annapolis. He said, you have been pleased to allude to an act of high executive responsibility, which, in the performance of duty, became a painful necessity—an act which had caused more complaint and praise than any other—the execution of Wilmer R. Mumford. (Applause.) Going to the unconstitutional terms in which the so-called Confederate Government demanded an explanation, no inquiry even could be made. By offensive language that Government shut up all possible communication on our part. Then it was assumed that some wrong was done, and the Proclamation, which you have all doubtless seen, was issued in consequence.

Many native loyalists have to speak of that act for a moment more.

After referring to the incidents of the day, he said: "The flag of the United States was raised upon the Custom House mast, and, after floating there a short time, was dragged down by a drunken gambler, in the presence of the dead in broad daylight. The symbol of our nationality, which we all revere, was torn in shreds, and every one that could here off a piece as a trophy. That act, in its consequences, might have been most calamitous. The Commander of the National fleet had a right to suppose that the Mayor of the city had come to the conclusion to renew the contest, and the symbol of that renewal was the tearing down of the flag. It might, as a military proposition, have brought upon the city instant bombardment—(applause)—but through the very proper caution of Commodore Farragut, a shot or two was fired, and no response made. Mark you! it was not the fault of Mumford that New-Orleans was not laid in ashes, and men, women and children crushed beneath the shells of the National fleet. It was in mercy for the town that we should take hereafter, that I felt it necessary to punish Mumford according to the just laws of war, after the confession of guilt. Whether rightly or wrongly, the act still commends itself to my judgment. (Applause.) Feeling the utter worthlessness of the man, that treason had attempted to exalt into a patriot, I was inclined to spare him. But that was not permitted. The thugs, rowdies and gamblers determined before the execution, and received that he should not be hung. It became a question whether they ruled New-Orleans or the Commanding General of the United States, and from that day there was never any question upon that subject. (Applause.)

I have been betrayed into saying more than I anticipated. (Cries of "Go on!" "go on.") I look upon the campaign in the Southwest as substantially ended. The rebel campaign was to concentrate all their force on Banks, and after defeating him, to concentrate against Grant and relieve Vicksburgh, and afterwards to regain New-Orleans. We have not yet quite appreciated that noble and brave soldier—Gen. Banks and his great victory at Marksville. (Applause.) If there is anything a matter desires more than anything else, it is that his fame, nobly won in the battle-field, even if he lead his troops to the charge himself, shall be cherished by his fellow countrymen.

Subsequently Gen. Butler was serenaded, and at the solicitation of the crowd gathered outside, made a few remarks in reply to the compliment.

The Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Legislature of Massachusetts organized to-day.

Jonathan H. Fitz, of Berkshire, was chosen President of the Senate by 34 votes to 4, cast for Frank Harper, of Suffolk. S. M. Greene was unanimously elected Clerk.

The House chose A. H. Bullock Speaker, giving him 178 votes against 3 for Hon. Caleb Cushing. Wm. S. Robinson was reflected Clerk.

The Message of Gov. Andrew will be sent in on Friday.

Major-Gen. McClellan in Philadelphia.

TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Gen. McClellan held a levee last evening, at his brother's house, which was largely attended by ladies and gentlemen.

Mayor Henry and the heads of the City Councils waited upon him this morning and presented him with the testimonial authorized by the Councils some time since.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Through freight and passenger transit was regularly resumed this morning on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The 7:00 and 11:30 P. M. trains from New-York make connections with the 9:45 A. M. passenger trains from here, going west.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Although "La Traviata" was played here last evening as a heavy competitor for the "Station Vampire" under charge of programme being necessitated by the continued indisposition of Signor Bellocci—it was, we think, one of the best performances ever given under Mr. Gaze's direction. We were not prepared to expect from Mlle. Cozzani's previous efforts in "Dinorah" and "I Puritani," a degree of dramatic and musical intensity so perfect as she obtained in the role of Violetta. Thrust into the part at the last moment, it would have been proper, had she failed, to have extended to her all the friendly consideration that the critic could cast to his aid, and even in view of her success, it is right to remember that she labored under the most adverse circumstances; but the lady's success was so perfect and deserved that we have nothing but the heartiest recognition to record of it. From the Brindisi of the first act to the Gran Dio of the last, she was all that could be desired, equaling, if not excelling, in sen-

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Dec. 25, Rev. Charles Wheeler, late Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hempstead, L. I., aged 72 years.

Warrenhouse.—On Thursday, Dec. 25, Frank Frank Warrenhouse, only child of the late John M. Waterhouse, and nephew of Rev. W. M. Blake, in the 19th year of his age.

His remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

Young.—On Wednesday, Jan. 7, Charles Pierce, second son of John L. and Mary E. Young, aged 2 years and 11½ months.

Notice of funeral to-morrow.

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MOORE—CUMMINGS.—At Trinity Chapel, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1863, by Rev. Dr. Higbee, Lieut. W. Moore and Miss E., daughter of Thomas S. Cummings, all of this City.

MAYERS—MAYER.—At Syracuse, on Thursday, Jan. 1, by Rev. J. Shmoekel, Armstrong Mayers, of the City, to Annie C., daughter of the late Rev. E. D. Mabbie.

MANSON—OWEN.—On Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1863, at the Gloucester Congregational Church, by Rev. Dr. Bushnell, Charles F. Manson, of Boston, to Lizzie J., daughter of Wm. T. and F. M. Owen, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

DIED.

AYERS.—At Bridgeport, Conn., on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the 84th year of her age, Mrs. Angelia Ayers, widow of the late Jesse H. Ayers, formerly of this City.

A funeral service will be held at Bridgeport, at the residence of her son-in-law, Jesse H. Ayers, on Thursday, at 2 P. M., on the arrival of the train leaving the foot of Barclay-st. at 12 M. Friends are invited to attend.

Carriages will be in waiting at the New-Haven Depot, corner Barclay and Hudson-st., on the arrival of the train at 4 o'clock P. M., on Thursday, to convey those who make a request thereof, to Green-wood Cemetery, where the remains will be interred.

CARTER.—In Washington City, on Saturday, Jan. 3, after a short illness, Frances E. Carter, daughter of Archibald and Mary H. Campbell, in the 16th year of her age.

CRAVEN.—On Wednesday, Jan. 7, Eliza Treat, daughter of the late Capt. Jesse Craven, aged 1 year, 9 months and 27 days.

Funeral this day (Thursday), at 2 o'clock, at the residence of her father, No. 1 Pine-st.

DENNIS.—At Hempstead, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, Julia G., daughter of William C. and Julia C. Dennis, in the 9th year of her age.

HART.—On Wednesday morning, Jan. 7, after a lingering illness, Mary, wife of Peter Hart, aged 40 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son, No. 47 Mulberry-st., this day (Thursday), the 8th inst., at 12 P. M., without further invitation.

HOWELL.—On Tuesday, Jan. 6, Frances Lawrence, infant son of Edward and Mary E. Howell, aged 1 year and 3 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this day, (Thursday,) Jan. 8, at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of his parents, No. 181 Bowery.

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STORER.—In this City, on Monday, Jan. 5, 1863, Gardiner, the only child of Mary H. and Gardiner Storer, Jr., aged 7 years and 8 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 115 West 16th-st., this day, (Thursday,) Jan. 8, at 2 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

TALLMADGE.—On Wednesday morning, Jan. 7, Benjamin H. Tallmadge.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother-in-law, Andrew G. Hargous, No. 16 West 14th-st., on Sunday, at 1 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

Warren.—At Middletown Point, N. J., on Sunday, Jan. 4, Mary Ann, wife of Stephen Warren, in the 72d year of her age.

Funeral services at the residence of her son, Stephen Warren, Jr., Middletown Point, on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends are invited to attend.

WAREHOUSE.—On Thursday, Dec. 25, Frank Frank Warrenhouse, only child of the late John M. Waterhouse, and nephew of Rev. W. M. Blake, in the 19th year of his age.

His remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

YOUNG.—On Wednesday, Jan. 7, Charles Pierce, second son of John L. and Mary E. Young, aged 2 years and 11½ months.

Notice of funeral to-morrow.

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JOHN T. WILSON.

JAN. 5, 1863.

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GEN. ROSECRAN'S ARMY.

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cries of the terrified teamsters, mingling their tones in the top of their speed, were now mingled with the billows of smoke which rolled and surged over the field.

Thick and fast the bullets of the enemy fell among them, and scores were shot down; but still the panic continually increased by reason of the fresh crowd which burst every moment from the thickets. It was with the greatest difficulty that some of the regiments which had been massed together, made a sort of darlorn hope to withstand and, if possible, drive back the victorious cohorts of treason, could prevent their ranks from being crushed or broken by the mass of fugitives.

From my position, upon the elevated ground between the railroad and turnpike, I could view the whole scene, and with an intensity of interest and tumultuous emotion, which I can find no language to express, I watched the result when the desperate soldiers of the rebellion should enter the open space, a tempest of lead was whistling all around my head, but for the first time since I began to participate in the transactions of this fearful war, they whistled and burst unheeded.

I make no pretension to extraordinary physical courage. He who says that amid the horrors of a battle he experiences no feeling of awe, and sometimes a shrinking awe, is a falsifier, an idiot, or a madman. But at this time I could not have retired, even if I had been inclined; my feet were rooted to the spot; my gaze was fascinated and fixed in the quarter where I expected the enemy to appear, and had an earthquake rent the earth before me, I could not have moved from the spot until I knew from the testimony of my own eyesight whether or no the troops upon which rested the last hope of the Union army were like the rest to be beaten and overthrown. It was not in consequence of superior physical courage that I remained there, but from the mental impossibility of doing otherwise.

The flower of our troops were ranged in order here, and I no fears for the result, unless some of these unaccountable panics, which sometimes reign, even in an army of veterans, should seize upon our yet unbroken battalions. Yet there were men not liable to panic, men whose lofty courage and devotion to their country's cause, overcame and extinguished fear.

Col. Loomis was there with his immortal First Michigan Battery, and there was Stokes with the guns and equipments furnished by the Chicago Board of Trade, and Mannsand Cameron with their regular artillery, and the troops led by Gen. Woon, comprising some of the finest in the service, and the three famous brigades belonging to the old Third Division.

The 9th, the 17th, and the Regulars, which the daring valor of Rosecrans, assisted by the unflinching courage of Col. Scammon of the 38th Indiana, commanding the Ninth Brigade, and by the splendid abilities of Col. Jesse Harvey of the 3d Ohio, commanding the 17th, had extricated from the woods, *into which they had been sent to check the progress* of the enemy, in a comparatively unbroken and undemoralized condition, a result which to one who knows something of the nature of that fearful combat in the woods, seems little short of miraculous.

Other illustrious corps were there also, whose patriotism and courage I should be glad, even at this early day, to celebrate, if one individual could have known and observed them all. Their zeal and exertions will yet be known and appreciated by a grateful nation.

With cool, calm courage Gen. Crittenden awaited the coming storm, and conspicuous among all the rest was the well-built form of the Commanding General, his countenance unmoved by the tumult around him, and his thoughtful and animated features expressing a high and patriotic hope, which acted like an inspiration upon every one that beheld him as he cast his eye over the grand array which he had mustered to repel the foe. He already felt himself master of the situation.

At last the long lines of the enemy emerged from the woods, rank behind rank, and, with a demoniac yell, intended to strike terror into the "Yankees," who stood before them, charged with fearful energy almost to the very muzzles of the cannon, whose dark mouths yawned upon them. A dazzling sheet of flame burst from the ranks of the Union forces, an awful roar shook the earth, a crash rent the air, the foremost lines of the rebel host were literally swept from the field, and seemed to melt away like snow-flakes before the flame; and then both armies were enveloped in a cloud of smoke which hid everything from the eye.

In the still visible ground between the pike and the railroad the tumult recoubled. Not knowing what would be the result of the strife which was raging under the great canopy of smoke that concealed the combatants, the flight of those in charge of wagons and ambulances became still more rapid and disordered. Thousands of fugitives from the right wing mingled with the teams, and frequently a mass of men, horses and wagons would be crushed and ground together. Every conceivable form of badly missile whizzed and whirled and burst amid the crowd, and terror and dismay ruled uncontrollably.

The whole disordered mass rushed down as fast as possible toward the river, into which it plunged, pushing and struggling to the other side. The combat under that great cloud of smoke was somewhat similar to that in the woods. No one knew exactly what command there was. A shout, a charge, a rush of fire, a recoil, and them all for a time disappeared.

For ten minutes the thunder of battle burst forth from the cloud. When our battalions advanced they found no rebels between the woods and turnpike except the dead, the dying and the disabled. There were hundreds of these, and their blood soaked and reddened the ground.

Since the annihilation of the Old Guard in their charge at Waterloo, there has probably not been an instance of so great a slaughter in so short a time as during the repulse of the rebel left at Murfreesboro, and it will hereafter be celebrated in history as much as is the fierce combat which crushed forever the power and prospects of Napoleon.

The rebel left was now thoroughly repulsed, and our troops, emboldened by their success, pushed after them into the woods, driving them back in turn over a considerable portion of the ground which we at first occupied. The roar of our artillery sounded further and further off, as the different batteries moved on slowly after the retreating foe, and hostile cannon-balls no longer plowed up the earth around me.

[At this point, the telegraph ceased working.]

THE EAST TENNESSEE RAID.

Destruction of the East Tennessee Railroad with Two Important Bridges.

Cincinnati, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Gen. Carter's expedition reached Manchester, Ky., yesterday, on its return from East Tennessee. It left Lancion, Ky., on the 21st ult. It comprised 1,000 cavalry. The results of the expedition are the destruction of two important bridges; the killing, wounding and capturing of 550 rebels; the taking of 700 stand of arms, and a large amount of flour, salt and other rebel stores. A locomotive and two cars were also destroyed. A brisk skirmish took place at the Watauga Bridge, and another at Jonesville. This raid was one of the most hazardous of the war, and attended with great hardships and privations. We lost but ten men.

WHAT THE REBELS SAY OF IT.

From the Richmond Examiner, Jan. 2.

DESTRUCTION OF IMPORTANT BRIDGES ON THE EAST TENNESSEE AND VIRGINIA RAILROAD BY UNION CAVALRY—A DARING RAID.

A body of Yankee cavalry, numbering, it is reported, some 4,000 men, made a raid on Monday upon the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, and destroyed two important bridges—one across the Holston and the other across the Watauga River. The bridge across the Holston, at Blountsville, was guarded by 300 of our cavalry, who were completely surprised and made prisoners without any resistance. An account of the raid, which we find in yesterday's Lynchburgh *Republican*, says:

The enemy advanced within six miles of Bristol, the terminus of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, but retired without coming to the place. They afterward advanced toward Jonesboro' and burned the bridge across the Watauga. At this place a small scouting party of citizens, hastily gotten together, came up with them, and a brisk skirmish occurred, in which one of the enemy was killed and two captured, who were brought into Bristol on Tuesday. They belong to a Pennsylvania regiment, and, we learn, reported their forces at 5,000.

The enemy first entered Virginia between Cumberland Gap and Pound Gap, and passing through Estillville, in Scott County, to Blountsville, fulfilled their mission of bridge-burning, and made a demonstration as if it was their intention to visit Bristol. This, as before stated, they failed to do, fearing, doubtless, to venture so far. They continued in the direction of Jonesboro, but it is stated by our scouts, who came into Bristol on Tuesday night, that they were retreating over nearly the same route they had advanced.

The distance from the point at which they entered the State line to Jonesboro' is between seventy and one hundred miles, and the raid is certainly a most daring one, and shows the enterprise of the cavalry which they were not supposed to possess. They are reported to have been piloted by a native Colonel of Washington County, Tennessee, by the name of Ward, who left his home on Friday, and met them in the mountains.

The damage to the railroad is serious, as, besides burning the bridges named, the track is torn up in many places, and the ties and iron burned. The distance between the Watauga and Holston Rivers is nine miles, and the burning of the bridges across these streams involves a loss of that distance in our railroad communications. *It will take several weeks to repair the damages, and they come at a time when the road is taxed to its utmost capacity.*

But few of the citizens along their march were molested by the Yankees, nor have we heard of that destruction of private property usual in their raids.

The citizens of Bristol, we learn, behaved nobly on this trying occasion. Old and young prepared with alacrity to meet the invaders of their homes, and to protect their firesides from pollution by their hireling foe.

THE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Steamship New-York.

MAURY ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

The steamship *New-York*, from Bremen, calling at Southampton on the 24th December, reached here yesterday morning.

Her news has been anticipated in its leading points.

The question of mediation still attracts the attention of the Continental Press. The *Moniteur* says in its bulletin:

"Some journals exaggerate the tendency of the course taken by France at the time when she offered to mediate between the North and the South, and certainly misunderstand its character. The article published by the *Courrier des Etats Unis*, of the 29th of November, reestablishes the truth of the facts, and peremptorily demonstrates that the overtures of France are disinterested, opportune, and careful of the rights and susceptibilities of the belligerents."

A new volume of the Correspondence of Napoleon I. has just appeared. The following to M. Talleyrand, dated "Camp of Boulogne, Aug. 10, 1805," is not out of place at the present moment:

"The dispatch from Washington has fixed my attention. *I desire you will send a note to the* American Minister accreditted to me, with a copy of the judgment appended. You will tell him that it is time all this should end; that it is scandalous that the Americans should be supplying *provisions to the brigands, and following a trade so* disgraceful that I shall declare good prize all that enters or leaves the port of St. Domingo; and that *I can no longer see with indifference the armaments, evidently directed against France, which the American Government allow to be prepared in their ports.*"

Maury, the Meteorological, on the Issues of War and Peace.

To the Editor of the London Times:

Sir: We read of people in the olden time whose judgment God had taken away, but the annals of modern history may, I believe, be searched in vain for such an instance of judicial blindness as that under which the Northern people have been laboring. Upon no other theory can the conduct of the Lincoln Government, in the rupture between the Northern and Southern States of America, be accounted for.

From the very beginning of these troubles, Mr. Lincoln and his counselors have been floundering in their own devices, stultifying themselves by their acts of to-day in their conduct of yesterday. Not longer ago than the last month, Mr. Lincoln's Secretary of State wrote to his Minister in London that "intervention would only afford an additional motive for America to sustain her resolution to remain united."

To reunite her is, if we are to believe professions, the first wish of Mr. Lincoln's heart, and his lips have intimated, time and again, with a peculiar significance, that in a war with England the South would be sure to unite with the North. Then, why dread intervention? If such are to be its effects it should be courted by Mr. Lincoln, one would suppose.

Evidently this threat through his Minister—for it bears a menacing air—was intended to intimidate the British people, to suppress their avowal of sympathy with the South, and to influence Her Majesty's Government; for a few days after this menace was received in London, he practically revokes his Emancipation Proclamation, which had been uttered with so much personality a few weeks before, and instead of abolishing Slavery next week, he offers to give us the rest of the century to do it in, and to pay us for it, too. If we will only do it ourselves and come back to him.

This is certainly a bid for the South to come back, and it looks very like a practical admission on his part that the cause of subjugation and reunion is becoming desperate. He can't lay his taxes to support the war.

To one whose case becomes desperate, delay is always of moment. Everything must be done to gain time. The idea of foreign intervention must be staved off, and a new plea put in for another respite of "60" or "90" days. This plea is sought to be enforced on a rumor which I am informed is now current in Yankee circles, to the effect that Southern traders are making overtures for a return to political union with the Yankees. This rumor is, it is said, derived from private letters received in this city from the North. It is only a "Yankee trick." If it could but gain credence here, even for a while, it would relieve for a time the Federal Administration from the fear of its great bugbear—foreign intervention—and might do the Republican Party "a heap of good."

Not only has no such overture been made, but there is no probability that such a one will ever come. Our cause has been consecrated by the best blood in the land, for it great sacrifices have been made. Its champions feel that they are clad in the triple armor of right. For these reasons it has become dear to the hearts of a whole people. Our men, women and children glory in it; and, after the proofs that the world has had of Southern manhood, is it likely that such men should be so base as to think of returning to Yankee domination? Simply, *a petition from the South to be received again as British plantations would be more feasible.*

I am fresh from the South, having quite recently run the blockade of Charleston. I know the sentiments and feelings of my fellow-countrymen; and so far from losing faith in our cause, or entertaining any doubts as to success, we were never more decided, nor in better heart.

Besides our own self-reliance, the faith we have in our cause and leaders, we derive encouragement from the enemy. He begins to show signs of giving in. Mr. Lincoln, for the first time, recognizes the possibility of permanent disunion, for he can find "no line, straight or crooked," which will suit him for a boundary, as yet, notwithstanding no country so abounds in well-established lines of this sort, for each State has its own. Moreover, financial ruin is staring his people in the face. The signs of its speedy coming among them is unmistakable. He dares not enforce a draft upon his militia, nor the Tax bill upon his people. They will neither give him his full contingent in men or in money. The dawn of returning reason is visible in his recent elections; his Administration is vacillating; it is trying so to shape a new policy as to satisfy each of two opposing factions. His people are beginning to tire of him and his war, and to confess that nothing but grief can come of it to them. On the other hand, we have but to stand firm, think of our dead, and be true to ourselves, and all will be well with us.

As soon as the Northern Press is unmuzzled, and the tongues of the friends of free Government there are loosed, then we shall begin to see the beginning of the end. In the meantime, we are fighting, not against a Constitutional Government, for that has been overturned, but against a mob, with Mr. Lincoln at the head of it.

I have heard since leaving the South a great deal said about our want of arms, about the half-starved and worse clad soldiers of the South. There is no lack of food among us. As for arms, we have taken enough from the enemy to equip all the forces that we require; and then as to clothing, it is enough for me to say that *the Custom-house receipts at Charleston for the month of July, 1862, were greater than they have been for the corresponding month of any year of the last ten*; and this revenue was derived chiefly from duties on clothing and munitions of war, notwithstanding the famous blockade. What the receipts have been for the months of August, September, October and November, I cannot say, for I have not seen the returns.

A considerable amount of importations has also entered Wilmington, Mobile and the ports of Texas. *Besides this, large quantities of clothing have been brought across the Potomac and the Chesapeake into the numerous rivers and creeks of Virginia, also from Ohio and other producing States of the West.*

Events now transpiring in America show that we are quite as able to keep the field as is the enemy, and far more united. Respectfully, &c.,

M. F. MAURY.

No. 1 Albemarle-street, Piccadilly, Dec. 22.

Burton Dramatic Association.—The Thirteenth Annual Ball of this favorite Association will take place on Monday evening, Jan. 12, at Irving Hall. Fancy, civic or military costumes will be in order.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Four More Ballots for Speaker, and No Result.

THE U. S. SENATORSHIP.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1863.

It was curious to note this morning how sanguine certain parties who, since the adjournment yesterday, had been hard at work in "fixing things" were that it has now "all right." Some were entirely confident that Mr. Dean would be chosen Speaker before the voting had proceeded much further, while others were equally confident that Mr. Sherwood would be the lucky man. Others still rejected the perceptions of these gentlemen, and mysteriously asserted that everybody's nose would soon be out of joint, while in a manner charmingly confidential they confided to you the fact that there was going to be a new deal, which would produce a winning card, to the astonishment of all parties. But by far the largest number declared that they "could not see it," or anything else that looked like a solution of the question on which the Assembly is tied, and were content to float along with the current in the state of bliss incident to their confessed ignorance concerning the future.

And so it turned out. The House, after voting four times, with the same result as yesterday—63 for Sherwood and 62 for Dean—adjourned till to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Davis, (Republican,) of Tioga. Of course, the wise ones are now wiser than ever, and claim to see great significance in the result of the day, though no two agree.

Whether party usage has come to be less respected than formerly, and men are more disposed to independent action, or whether they are inclined to allow full force to the demonstrated fact that if the Assembly is organized at all, it must be in some other way than by voting day after day 62 to 62, there certainly is ground for the belief that this style of contest will not be long continued. *It may be, consequently*, that favorite plans will be frustrated, and expectations disappointed, by action prompted by considerations purely of a public nature, and in defiance of usage which, on account of its ancient character, has come to be regarded as nearly related to sacred right. Indeed, there is nothing more probable.

Every member, every outsider, not only perceives from the situation of things, but he knows from experience, that a contest such as has been commenced is not only futile, but in its tendency is demoralizing, inasmuch as it invokes the spirit of bargain and sale, and must be ended sooner or later. How it shall be ended should be a question for the members themselves to answer—not the lobby, or any "third house," however constituted. If men are to be deflected by good sense, and a patriotic desire to serve the public, from the straight line designated by caucus, it were better it should be at the earliest moment, after it has been demonstrated that the pursuit of that line will lead only to naught.

In former years, at the end of similar contests, we have heard charges of buying and selling, and other imputations, as little creditable to legislators as would be open trafficking in votes. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this contest, neither in its progress nor conclusion, will be marked by anything of the sort, or give rise to the slightest suspicion that all the members were not actuated by a pure desire to serve not only their party, but the State, which claims their services, and demands, consequently, an early organization.

Whether the voting goes on for a day, a week or a month longer, it is clear that in the end somebody must give way; and I am prepared to believe that the inevitable contingency will not be postponed to this extreme period, but that members, realizing the impossibilities of the contest, and their own responsibilities, will put an end to it by action as independent as honorable.

Among the visitors at the Capital at the present time is George Law, Fernando Wood, Horace Greeley, and a large number of prominent lawyers from different quarters of the State. The members of the Bar are generally in attendance on the Court of Appeals. The other gentlemen are understood to have been attracted hither by an interest felt in the organization. Mr. Wood holds frequent interviews with the New-York delegation, and is understood to regard the organization as particularly worthy of his attention, on account of the bearing it is conceived to have on the Senatorial question, and his own immediate prospects as the successor of Senator King. Mr. Wood makes no disguise of his purpose, and, it is said, does not hesitate to make free mention of the alliances he has formed, and on which he predicates his hopes of success. In so doing it is not doubted that he has a motive in exceeding the possible truth, for if credence were to be given to all that he is understood as claiming, that extremely unambitious and patriotic gentleman is fortunate in already having the active support of the most prominent men of all parties.

Whatever may be the support Mr. Wood is authorized to expect outside of his party, it is entirely certain that he is by no means sure of receiving the support of all inside of it. The fact is, the claims and virtues of Fernando Wood have not yet penetrated to the distant and unsophisticated rural districts, where live several gentlemen whose friends have conceived that they have at least equal claim to a seat in the United States Senate, whenever the Democratic party has it at its disposal. It is something that Mr. Wood will have to bear some time yet, that in many parts of the State he is not appreciated, but is distrusted, as many good men before him have been; while in other parts the idea positively prevails that he has not the proper allowance of the qualities generally looked for in a man of high-toned principle and virtue. Moreover, he is suspected of entertaining a feeling for Mr. Jefferson Davis of more regard than, under the circumstances, would be either delicate or patriotic.

Therefore, however the Senatorial question may be affected by combinations yet to take place, or by none at all, I do not believe that any state of things is to exist that will elevate Fernando Wood to a Senatorial seat. In fact, I do not think that Democrats generally have very high expectations of securing the successor to Mr. King. The most that they can hope to do is to prevent a choice, and that contingency is confessedly very remote. The temper of neither the Democratic Party nor the people at large is favorable to such revolutionary proceedings, and I do not understand that provided they had the power the idea meets with much favor with Democrats generally.

To the Republican Union Party and its representatives in the Legislature, who will beyond hardly a doubt be called upon to make a choice, the Senatorial question is naturally and properly one of lively interest, for the State of the nation demands that New-York shall have not only her full representation in Congress, but that her voice shall be heard always against the rebellion and in favor of wise and patriotic measures looking to the perpetuity of the Union and the observance of every constitutional obligation. Fortunately it will not be difficult to have New-York thus represented, and the representatives on whom will devolve the selection are abundantly able to discharge the high duty.

The expression of preferences, though in some instances already freely made, as well as the question in its broader aspects, is properly reserved until the session is fairly launched.

It is conceded on all hands that Gov. Seymour has done a sensible thing by sending into the Senate his *Message, without waiting for the House to organize.* Of the document itself his political friends are loud in its praise, and claim that it is the most statesmanlike document that has appeared within an indefinite number of years. Twenty thousand copies were moved in the Senate. RODERICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Hon. Wm. Clark, elected from the Fifteenth District in place of Hon. John Willard, deceased, appeared, was sworn, and took his seat.

Mr. Cornell gave notice of a bill authorizing a railroad in Brooklyn and the Jamaica Plank-road.

Mr. Murphy gave notice of a bill to improve Clinton-avenue, Brooklyn.

Numerous notices of bills were given to reimburse various localities for moneys advanced to volunteers.

Gov. Seymour's Message was presented by Mr. Lowman L. Dow, private Secretary pro tem., and was read.

A resolution appointed Mr. Lowman Clerk of the Senate during the session was adopted.

Mr. Low moved to refer so much of the Message as relates to National affairs to a Special Committee of Five. He desired to take the bill of the regular course because he (Low) thought there were some subjects contained in it that would astonish the country.

Mr. Humphrey objected to the motion, and it was withdrawn.

Mr. Smith introduced a bill to authorize the New-York Warehouse Company to build piers in the Twelfth Ward, Brooklyn.

Mr. Cornell introduced a bill to provide for the election of two additional Justices of the Supreme Court in the First District. Also, relative to forfeited recognizances in New-York.

On motion of Mr. Truman a committee of three was appointed to investigate the alleged frauds in the passage or engrossing of the Militia bill last year.

On motion of Mr. Ramsey, the papers in reference to the Susquehannah Railroad were referred a special Committee.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Assembly met at 11 o'clock this morning. Four ballots were taken for Speaker, making seven in all, with exactly the same result. The vote stood as follows:

Gilbert Dean 62
Henry Sherwood 63

Adjourned.

A Letter from George Sanders.

HE SENDS GREETING "TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF THE TRIUMPHANT REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN NEW-YORK."

The Memphis *Bulletin* publishes the following curious letter:

On the Wing, Dec. 24, 1862.

Horatio Seymour, Dean Richmond, John Van Buren, Chas. O'Connor, Washington Hunt, Fernando Wood, and James Brooks, Representative Men of the Triumphant Revolutionary Party of New-York:

Gentlemen: I congratulate you upon the glorious success of November, 1862. The world has already accepted it as the evidence that there still exists in the North an appreciation of State and individual rights, and a genuine respect for progressive civilization, so horribly outraged during the conduct of this war by abolition officers, both civil and military. I trust that you will reflect, by resolute and decisive action, the indication signaled by the people at the ballot in this massive and successful effort, this outpouring of righteous scorn, against the mulatto usurpers who have kept you in hell for two years past; the hucksters of your national reputation; the revelers in your national wealth and reputation—the fruits of long years of Democratic and Southern statesmanship, fidelity and forecast.

Civic law sheds and humanity stands aghast at the atrocities of your humanitarians. State lines obliterated; rights of every kind—popular, religious and commercial—all swept into one common ruin; homes violated, sifted and burnt; private paintings and mementoes, national rewards for honorable conduct—*remorselessly destroyed or thievingly appropriated.* Even the abodes of dead patriots, whose memory should be as dear to you as to us, desecrated and pillaged. Venerable citizens—matrons, maidens and infants—driven out to seek protection of charity. Mothers and daughters imperiously domineered over and insulted in the absence of their natural protectors. Even the negroes, that children-people who have never reached their majority in any age or country, and who owe whatever they possess of civilization, modesty and religion to the Southern matron who has been their friend, nurse and guide, in benefits to them which generations of faithful service on their part cannot repay, and whose fidelity under all the cheating temptations and trying delusions to which they have been exposed is truly creditable to them, enticed or drag ged away in ropes, the men cruelly worked down, the women, shrieking for help, brutally outraged in the presence of their husbands, children and mistresses—men, women and children left at last to suffer and starve and die on the roadsides. This is a slight synopsis of the memories of the abolition armies of your baboon President.

Can you longer stand still while these things are being enacted before you? A programme of peace and settlement is what the people expect of you. All eyes are resting upon you for action.

You should at once proclaim to the world that not a dollar of the bonds—Federal, State or municipal—issued by the Federal usurpers for the prosecution of this unholy war, shall ever be paid. Few strangers have taken shares in the despotic loans, and this just blow will fall almost exclusively upon the usurpers. There is need that history should be marked by the utter annihilation of the debt created by the conspirators against the rights and liberties of American citizens and States. The licentious dollar should now receive such a retributive lesson, that a bar should be raised for all time against its being had on this continent for the usurpation of the rights and liberties of sovereign citizens and States.

Not only do you owe it to yourselves to *repudiate every dollar* of this unconstitutional debt, but you owe it equally to your posterity to *pay the half, if not all, the debt the people of the South have had to incur* to maintain the rights of citizens and of States, in the establishment of free trade.

Do these things generously, heroically, and New-York City, as if by magic, will reassume the enviable position she held before the black 6th of November, 1860. Her magnificent streets will continue their march from Manhattan Island and her Central Park will progress in multiplied means of beauty, in statuary, and fountains, and foliage. True, your political relations with the South will probably never be restored, and it is now useless to discuss. But you will, nevertheless, gain much by the revolution. You will be rid of infidel Puritan rule, which has been nearly as oppressive and intolerable in New-York as in the South. You will have free navigation and free trade with the South, and (freer trade than ever) with the world.

Let heart and brain into the revolution; accelerate and direct the movement; get rid of the Baboon (or What is It?) Abraham Lincoln, pacifically if you can, but by the blood of his followers if necessary. Withdraw your support, material and moral, from the invading armies, and the South will make quick work with the Abolitionists that remain on her soil. Scatter no degenerate seeds of this South, upon however plausible pretext, to idly embarrass your action, by throwing into your way *rotten planks of reconstruction. Unity is no longer possible.* The very word Union, once so dear, has been made a cover for so many atrocious acts that the mere mention of it is *odious in the ears of Southern people.* The State Legislatures will be called upon to obliterate the hated name from counties and towns.

Commercial relations are attainable, and every hour of alienation is the Union's in your loss. The recent elections show that New-York City is the centre of a circle of 100 miles radius, with a compact, active, organized majority of 50,000 against your abolitionized government. It has but to will, to do. Halfway measures, always unsuitable to revolutionary necessities, will not avail you. Immediate, wholesale repudiation is your only safety-valve.

Against the Abolition invasion the whole nation of the Southern Confederacy is now resolved into an army, the most numerous, intelligent and spirited the world ever saw—in good health and high discipline, ready to fall upon the enemy with that momentum which belongs only to the patient soldiers, fired with indignation against the invader. While Abolition Generals have been successively withdrawn in disgrace from the field, our Generals and subordinate officers, brave and efficient from the first, have steadily increased in character and number. Never has an army been officered by such a body of accomplished, high-toned and gallant men as the Confederate army boasts to-day. And while her Generals give the grandest proof of their skill and science in the management of the war in whole, the country shows itself, through the cheerful sacrifices and noble aid of its women, and the daring strategy of its partisan chiefs and their intrepid followers, alive at every extremity.

On a recent visit to Europe, I found that of all Americans, past or present, none stand so high in public estimation, or exalted patriotism and statesmanship, as the President of the Southern Confederacy. Our Governors, orators and statesmen furnish you with models for emulation. Our women have excelled the virtuous daughters of the Colonial Revolution. Our clergy have nobly endured exile and imprisonment without falter.

Men of the revolution in New-York! a redeeming career lies open to you, in which you can protect yourselves and all that is so dear to you as citizens and Americans. I trust you will walk in it at whatever personal cost. Release your Press from censorship, your citizens from bastiles, your trade from shackles, your name from irremediable reproach.

GEORGE N. SANDERS.

From San Francisco.

San Francisco, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Markets very dull. Sales 1,600 boxes of Candles, at 18½c. The stock of Coal Oil approximates to 300,000 gallons.

The Washington Territorial Legislature has memorialized Congress in relation to fortifying the Columbia River and Puget Sound; asking for the establishment of a branch Mail route from Salt Lake to Walla Walla; urging an ocean Mail from San Francisco to China; and asking a change of the port of entry from Port Angels to Port Townsend.

Launch.—A small propeller, the second of three being built for Fancher & Co., of this City, will be launched by E. S. Whitlock, Greenpoint, on Friday, at noon. Mr. Whitlock is also building a three-hundred feet steamer for Maj. T. Cornell, of Rondout. She will be ready for service in the Spring.

Grand Organ Exhibition.—To-night, at Christ Church, (Bedford-avenue,) Brooklyn, there will be an organ exhibition of more than average interest.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

Brooklyn City Court, Thursday, Jan. 8—Recorder Hill.

Suicide at Greenpoint.—Coroner Swartz held an inquest yesterday upon the body of Mr. John Sennett, residing at No. 180 Fulton-avenue, who committed suicide about 12 o'clock the night previous by shooting himself with a pistol. He had been in a desponding state of mind for some time past, owing to reverses in business, and from the fact that one of his sons had recently been wounded in battle. He came home between 8 and 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and appeared as usual, but refused to go to bed. About midnight he retired to the parlor, and the report of a pistol was heard soon afterward. His wife and son Oscar discovered him lying on the floor, dead. Deceased was an Englishman, 56 years of age. The jury returned the verdict that he "came to his death from a pistol shot wound in the head, the same being his own act."

Vermont Wounded Soldiers.

Three hundred and twenty-five sick and wounded soldiers of Vermont regiments, will arrive here this (Thursday) morning, in charge of the Special Agent for Vermont, Frank H. Holbrook, Esq. These soldiers have been collected from the various hospitals in and around Washington by Mr. Holbrook, by permission of the Secretary of War and the sanction of Surgeon-General Hammond, on the request of Gov. Holbrook, and they are to be forwarded to hospital in Brattleboro, Vt. Quartermaster Johnson has the steamer Thomas P. Way fitted up with every convenience for their reception, well warmed, and has a sufficient corps of assistants under Capt. Ellsworth, together with medical attendants furnished by Medical Inspector Macconomy, to dress their wounds and otherwise minister to their wants. They will be furnished with an excellent hot breakfast on their arrival, and will proceed by an afternoon train to their destination, in charge of Mr. Holbrook.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The announcement is made that this road will in a few days be reopened. It has already, since the war begun, been opened and reopened again and again with magical energy, at the cannon's mouth, and it is hoped that now the Government will fully protect it, and not merely so guard it by small squads of men as to tempt attack. It is highly important to the Government that this thoroughfare should be kept open; the mighty West demands it, and the public at large has felt its loss. And as it is presumable that no selfish interests prevail in high places disposed to slight this road, we may reasonably expect that it will be kept open from this time forth, and it will well repay any curious traveler to pass over the road from Harper's Ferry to Cumberland and view the destruction which has been repaired with a celerity and permanency unparalleled in the history of railroading. Z.

New-York, Monday, Jan. 5, 1863.

Senator Doolittle.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It is no doubt true, as stated in the Times this day, that Senator Doolittle is not a candidate for the place of Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and which we are glad to know, as we think that his place in the Senate as a patriotic, useful and industrious Senator, could not be easily made good.

Senator Doolittle, although the representative of an extreme Northwestern State, has always, in his votes, shown that he represented the nationality of the whole country; North, South, East and West have been alike to him; he acts, in his public capacity, as if the harbor of New-York was Lake Michigan, although, coming from that location, it would only be natural where the preference should be placed.

We speak knowing him well, and having watched his public career, think we speak with knowledge and impartiality. A NEW-YORKER.

The Connecticut Nineteenth.

Headquarters Military Governor, Alexandria, Dec. 31, 1862.

To the Officers and Men of the Nineteenth Connecticut Volunteers:

The General Commanding desires to express his regret that a military necessity requires that the pleasant association between your regiment and himself, which has existed for three months, should be severed.

You will carry with you to your new field of labor his best wishes for your success, individually and collectively.

In your excellent conduct and exemplary discipline whilst under his command, receive his congratulations and thanks.

By command of Brig.-Gen. SLOUGH,
Military Governor, Alexandria.
Rollin C. Gale, Captain and A. A. G.

The Missouri Legislature.

Jefferson City, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The resolution offered in the House yesterday, to memorialize Congress to pass an act excluding the slaves of loyal masters from the military lines of this State, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The joint session then convened to elect two United States Senators. John B. Henderson was elected on the first ballot by 57 majority over Rosier Wilson, for the term ending March 4. B. Gratz Brown, John S. Phelps, Samuel L. Glover and Sam'l M. Breckinridge were then nominated for the four years' term. The first ballot resulted as follows: Brown, 31; Phelps, 31; Glover, 34; Breckinridge, 11; Noel, 3.

Supplies of Postal Currency.—We are requested to state that the Adams Express Company are to receive, next week, a further supply of two hundred thousand dollars in postal currency, for gratuitous distribution to Eastern railroads.

[Advertisement.]

Lawyers, Judges and Statesmen will find Phrenology of great practical utility in their professions. It will reveal the true character of clients, jurymen and legislators. Examinations given daily by Fowler & Wells, No. 308 Broadway.

[Advertisement.]

Herring's Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes, and Herring's new Patent Burglar-proof Safes, with Herring & Floyd's Patent Crystallized Iron—the only material which cannot be drilled—at No. 251 Broadway, New-York.

Passengers Arrived.

Dec. 24—*By steamship New-York, from Bremen, &c.*—C. A. C. Muller and family, Theodore Mattfield, W. Von Sedas and family, Eberhard Foke, Capt. Alexander Rubie, Dr. Haas, Hermann Pale, A. Wasmuth, James Southwood, Franz Event and lady, Caroline A. Strauss, S. Meyer, H. Bark, S. Erichhorn and lady, A. Krausch and children, David Hirschorn, Jacob Fribuer, Bertha Becker, Friederich Eberle, Charles Bockh, lady and children, M. De Birnque, Lieut. Von Holleben, A. Schneider, Chas. Hauser and 2 children, Gustav A. Schaefer, Chas. Bertha Sdrecker, Helena Sdrecker, H. Hook, Mr. Finard, J. Essaurau, Catharine Solari, Maria Marchio.

MISCELLANEOUS ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises..... 7 25 | Sun sets..... 4 49 | Moon rises..... 6 2
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook. 9 23 | Gov. Island. 10 37 | Hell Gate..... 11 43

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7.

Cleared.

Steamship Dudley Buck, Crane, Newbern, N. C., J. S. Whitney.

Ships St. George, Cuyon, New-Bedford, George Savery & Co; Mary Ogden, Hathaway, San Francisco, Sutton & Co.

Barks Comet, Merriam, Philadelphia, J. W. Elwell & Co.; Dawson, Bartlett, Philadelphia, Southard, Wright & Hussey; Antioch, Gardiner, Marseilles, Moore & Henry; Gen. Warren, Hertz, Philadelphia, Southard, Wright & Hussey; Montezuma, Hammond, Barbados, T. T. Dwight; Frank, (Br.,) Stanwood, Philadelphia, Brett, Son & Co.

Brigs Thomas Owen, Pettengill, Nuevitas, Thompson & Hunter; Triumph, Bedford, St. Johns, N. F., F. F. Green & Curry; C. H. Kennedy, Sain, Boston, Miller & Houghton; Perula, (Br.,) Baker, Aux Cayes, D. R. De Wolf.

Schooners Johanna Ward, Sweeney, Beaufort, S. C., Murray; John Holmes, Applegate, Washington, Van Brunt & Slaght; Neptune, Bridge, Philadelphia, Van Brunt & Slaght; Daniel Townsend, Townsend, Baltimore, M. T. Runyan & Co.; J. S. Allen, Adams, Washington, N. L. McCready & Co.; John Williams, (Br.,) Knowlton, Nassau, N. P.; Western Star, Beatrix, Havana, E. E. Brigham; Henry Brown, Seaman, Washington, Van Brunt & Slaght; R. G. Whilden, Neal, Philadelphia, James Hand; Susan, Scarce, Boston, S. W. Lewis; Emily Fowler, Willard, Norwich, Bentley, Smith & Co.; Selah B. Strong, Tyler, Washington, J. Smith & Co.; Mary Tice, Philadelphia, J. W. McKee; Robert Boyd, (Br.,) Kernan, Rio Grande del Sud, D. R. De Wolf.

Sloop W. D. Mangum, Throcher, Taunton.

Arrived.

U. S. sloop-of-war Vandalia, H. B. Wesbey, Port Royal, S. C., 7 ds. Jan. 3, and 2 off Cape Hatteras, experienced a heavy gale from the N.

Steamship New-York, (Bremen,) Wenke, Bremen Dec. 24, and Southampton 26th at 4 P. M., with mdse. and 160 passengers to Oelrichs & Co. Arr. off Sandy Hook at 3 A. M.; had strong westerly gales first part of passage, and on the 20th and 21st December a severe hurricane; latter part variable winds and fog. Dec. 24, off the Needles, passed Hamburg steamship Saxonia, bound in; Jan. 4, off Nantucket, passed steamship Great Eastern, hence for Liverpool, and off Fire Island, Bremen ship Wieland, Wiedhard, from Bremerhaven Oct. 20, for New-York.

U. S. steam transport City of Bath, (of Boston,) Sawyer, New-Orleans Dec. 28, and Key West Jan. 2, in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

Steamer Westchester, Fox, Fortress Monroe, with mdse. to E. Hymson.

Steamer Gotham, McLoughlin,

THE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Steamship New-York.

Our London Correspondence.

MAURY ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

The steamship *New-York*, from Bremen, calling at Southampton on the 24th December, reached here yesterday morning.

Her news has been anticipated in its leading points.

The question of mediation still attracts the attention of the Continental Press. The *Moniteur* says in its bulletin:

"Some journals exaggerate the tendency of the course taken by France at the time when she offered to mediate between the North and the South, and certainly misunderstand its character. The article published by the Courrier *des Etats Unis*, of the 29th of November, reestablishes the truth of the facts, and peremptorily demonstrates that the overtures of France are disinterested, opportune, and careful of the rights and susceptibilities of the belligerents."

A new volume of the Correspondence of NAPOLEON I. has just appeared. The following to M. TALLEYRAND, dated "Camp of Boulogne, Aug. 10, 1805," is not out of place at the present moment:

"The dispatch from Washington has fixed my attention. I desire you will send a note to the American Minister accredited to me, with a copy of the judgment appended. You will tell him that it is time all this should end; that it is scandalous that the Americans should be supplying provisions to the brigands, and following a trade so disgraceful that I shall declare good prize all that enters or leaves the port of St. Domingo; and that *I can no longer see with indifference the armaments, evidently directed against France, which the American Government allow to be prepared in their ports.*"

AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Message in England—Difficulties of Compromise and Convention—British Feeling Illustrated—European Politics—Holidays and Theatricals—Troubles of English Tourists.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 19, 1862.

The President's Message was waited for with scarcely less anxiety in England than in America, and read with scarcely less interest. I cannot report that it has given much satisfaction to any party. Every one was disappointed that it said so little about the war, though what there was to be said, beyond what everybody knows, it might be hard to tell. The President tells us, in the words of our school-day declamation: "my thoughts, I must confess, are turned on peace." Almost at the end of the second year of war, he recommends a Convention of all the States, and amendments of the Constitution. Nothing could be more peaceful—nothing could show more amiable intentions than this recommendation.

But then—as our English friends are not slow to inform us—it takes two to make a bargain. Who can assure us that the Southern States are ready, at the end of a two years' war, to go into Convention? First, there must be the armistice, proposed by the Emperor. All armies, all force must be withdrawn. To act in Convention, the States must act freely. They must be as free to reject as to accept any proposition which may be offered them. There is no half-way between the law of freedom and the law of force. I do not see how a Convention can be assembled, except upon the basis of freedom. What is the use of such a formality, if it is but another means of exercising force? Bullets and bayonets are more simple, more honest and straightforward. People may be coerced into nationalities. States may be held in the Union by force. Every State in Europe believes in that. England holds Ireland by force, India by force, and would hold Canada and Australia, I doubt not, if they were to attempt to withdraw from the Union of the British Empire. But I do not think that even England would try to dragoon these portions of her Empire into a Convention, and compel them to decide how they could best be kept together.

Here, it strikes me, is the inconsistency of Mr. LINCOLN. He, as President, has raised vast armies to restore the Union. The South has raised armies, not so large, but sufficient, up to this time, to resist his efforts. The North may be ready to stop fighting and begin arguing. But the South may not be ready. If the two sections cannot agree, will they take up arms and go to fighting again? No; there are only two principles by which to settle this matter. You have either to conquer and subjugate the South, with whatever amount of extermination may be found necessary; or every State must be left to the free choice of its citizens. The North must beat, and hold, and govern the South, or it must withdraw its pretensions, and allow the South to govern itself.

Here, it seems to me, is the weakness of the Message. The armies are confronting each other. There has been no decisive victory. Where is the possibility of a revision of the Constitution, or of legislating about what shall be done with the negroes in the year 1900? What has posterity done for us, that we should take so much trouble about posterity? Mr. LINCOLN'S present business, I beg to suggest, is to beat JEFF. DAVIS. When that is done we can do something for our posterity, white and black.

It is for these reasons that the English, who are the most interested of all the spectators of this struggle, consider the Message as of very slight consequence. The only value they give to it, is its presumed peaceful character. Mr. LINCOLN, they say, is a simple-hearted, honest man, of very small ability, but he reflects public opinion, and the recent elections have had their influence upon him. He is tired of the war, and proposes a compromise, which, however, comes too late, and will not be accepted.

The state of English feeling was curiously shown yesterday at a political meeting at Birmingham. This city is interested in the war, which makes a market for its goods. The two members of Parliament made speeches. The first declared himself in favor of the recognition of the independence of the Confederate States. The second, Mr. BRIGHT, took exactly opposite grounds; justified the North in its attempt to conquer the South, predicted its success, and stated his belief that Slavery would be brought to an end, and that the American Federation would extend over the whole continent. The end was, that the meeting passed a vote of thanks and of undiminished confidence in both their representatives, whose views are exactly the opposite of each other.

What can you expect of a country where politics are conducted in such a fashion—where the people really have no opinions at all, and where, if they had any, they are of no possible consequence in influencing any result? It is said, now, that England has proposed to abandon the protectorate of the Ionian Islands—ceding them to Greece, and giving up Corfu. The Tory papers denounce the measure, but it is not unlikely Mr. GLADSTONE has long favored it. What next? It is asked. If we give up Corfu, why not Malta and Gibraltar? The latter is not unlikely. Spain is growing in power, and Gibraltar is a constant irritation. Steam, also, has done away with the necessity of these great fortresses.

The Greeks seem determined to have little ALFRED, the English sailor Prince, for their King. They have voted for him, and elected him, by a large majority. But the time has not come when the Greeks can have any King they choose to elect. The Great Powers have a word to say. France and Russia, now the best of friends, may have some other preference. In fact, they propose a Prince of Portugal, who is unexceptionable, only that he happens to be a Catholic. But if Belgium, nine-tenths Catholic, could accept of a Protestant King, why may not Greece put up with a Catholic one, who is at any rate nearer the Greek Church than the English Prince they seem bent on having.

If you but had some Great Powers to settle affairs for you in America! Be patient, and it may come. Mexico ought to be conquered by New-Year's. It is said that two thousand mules have been sent from New-York to aid the French advance. Call you this backing your friends? When mules are used for transports, how far are they from being contraband of war? And suppose, after you have helped the Emperor to the possession of Mexico, he sends a few steamers to New-Orleans to look after Gen. BUTLER, whom recall, it was rumored, he had demanded of the National Government.

England is preparing to keep Christmas. It is the hardest and saddest for many a year. Think of Christmas in Lancashire. It is bad enough in London. There are so many on the verge of starvation here as there. I think one a day dies here of sheer destitution. The wealth is immense, but the poverty is overwhelming.

Lord Dundreary, who has played more than three hundred nights, takes a rest during the holidays. He needs it; the monotony of saying the same thing so often has so worn upon him, that he feels like going mad. He takes long walks, and gets as much variety as he can, but it is a terrible bore to the actor, though the crowd is undiminished. Mr. BOUCICAULT comes out with a model theatre, into ASTLEY'S. He has made a large fortune, and lives like a prince. He proposes to build a few new theatres for London, if his present model meets with due appreciation. But it is doubtful whether a light, airy, spacious and elegant theatre would suit the English as well as the little, cramped, dingy, stuffy ones. As Mr. TROLLOPE found nothing in America to suit him—hotels, railroad cars and steamboats being alike uncomfortable, I doubt if there is any demand here for Mr. BOUCICAULT'S American or Parisian improvements. If you wish to suit English tourists, make your streets narrow, crooked and dingy. Pull down your great marble or brown stone hotels, and build little taverns of sooty bricks. Then get some old coach-boxes and set them on trucks for railway carriages. Finally, let every man they meet touch his hat to them, and hold out his hand for a shilling. Mr. TROLLOPE would feel at 'ome, and be delighted. Mr. RUSSELL'S Diary, *North and South*, will be out in a few days. As he wrote more than the *Times* printed, and has had leisure to make additions, you will know what to expect from him.

It may seem a mockery to wish you a merry Christmas, but we will hope for a happy New-Year. MONADNOCK.

Maury, the Meteorologist, on the Issues of War and Peace.

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR: We read of people in the olden time whose judgment God had taken away, but the annals of modern history may, I believe, be searched in vain for such an instance of judicial blindness as that under which the Northern people have been labouring. Upon no other theory can the conduct of the Lincoln Government, in the rupture between the Northern and Southern States of America, be accounted for.

From the very beginning of these troubles, Mr. LINCOLN and his counsellors have been floundering in their own devices, stultifying themselves by their acts of to-day in their conduct of yesterday. Not longer ago than the last month, Mr. LINCOLN'S Secretary of State wrote to his Minister in London that "intervention would only afford an additional motive for America to sustain her resolution to remain united."

To remind her is, if we are to believe professions, the first wish of Mr. LINCOLN'S heart, and his friends have intimated, time and again, with a peculiar significance, that in a war with England the South would be sure to unite with the North. Then, why dread intervention? If such are to be its effects it should be courted by Mr. LINCOLN, one would suppose.

Evidently this threat through his Minister—for it bears a menacing air—was intended to intimidate the British people, to suppress their avowal of sympathy with the South, and to influence Her Majesty's Government; for a few days after this menace was received in London, he practically revokes his Emancipation Proclamation, which had been uttered with so much ceremonialy a few weeks before, and instead of abolishing Slavery next week, he offers to give us the rest of the century to do it in, and to pay us for it, too, if we will only do it ourselves and come back to him.

This is certainly a bid for the South to come back, and it looks very like a practical admission on his part that the cause of subjugation and reunion is becoming desperate. He can't lay his taxes to support the war.

To one whose case becomes desperate, delay is always of moment. Everything must be done to gain time. The idea of foreign intervention must be staved off, and a new plea put in for another respite of "60" or "90" days. This plea is sought to be enforced on a rumor which I am informed is now current in Yankee circles, to the effect that Southern traders are making overtures for a return to political union with the Yankees. This rumor is, it is said, derived from private letters received in this city from the North. It is only a "Yankee trick." If it could but gain credence here, even for a while, it would relieve for a time the Federal Administration from the fear of its great bugbear—foreign intervention—and might do the Republican Party "a heap of good."

Not only has no such overture been made, but there is no probability that such a one will ever come. Our claims have been consecrated by the best blood in the land, for if great sacrifices have been made, its champions feel that they are clad in the triple armor of right. Southern independence is now dear to the hearts of a whole people. Our men, women and children glory in it; and, after the proofs that the world has had of Southern manhood, is it likely that such men should be so base as to think of returning to Yankee domination? *Simply, a petition from the South to be received again as British plantations would be my answer.*

I am fresh from the South, having quite recently run the blockade of Charleston. I know the sentiments and feelings of our fellow-countrymen; and, as far from losing faith in our cause, or entertaining any doubts as to success, we were never more decided, nor in better heart.

Besides our own self-reliance, the faith we have in our cause, and leaders, we derive encouragement from the enemy. He begins to show signs of giving in. Mr. LINCOLN, for the first time, recognizes the possibility of permanent disunion, for he can, and he does, straight enough, express a wish, which will suit him for a boundary, as far, notwithstanding so country as possible in well-established lines of this sort, for each State has its own. Moreover, financial ruin is staring his people in the face. The agent of its speedy coming among them is unmistakable. He dares not enforce a draft upon his militia, nor the Tax bill upon his people. They will neither give him his full contingent in men or in money. The dawn of returning reason is visible in his recent elections; his Administration is vacillating; it is trying so to shape a new policy as to reunite some of the opposing factions. His people are beginning to tire of him and his war, and to confess that nothing but grief can come of it to them. On the other hand, we have but to stand firm, think of our dead, and be true to ourselves, and all will be well with us.

As soon as the Northern Press is unmuzzled, and the tongues of the friends of free Government there are loosed, then we shall begin to see the beginning of the end. In the meantime, we are fighting, not against a Constitutional Government, for that has been overturned, but against a mob, with Mr. LINCOLN at the head of it.

I have heard since leaving the South a great deal said about our want of arms, about the half-starved and worse clad soldiers of the South. There is no lack of food among us. As for arms, we have taken enough from the enemy to equip all the forces that we require; and then as to clothing, it is enough for me to say that the Quartermaster-General at Charleston for the month of July, 1862, now states that they have been for the corresponding month of last year of the total loss; and the revenue was derived entirely from duties on clothing and munitions of war, notwithstanding the Yankee blockade. What the receipts have been for the months of August, September, October and November, I cannot say, for I have not seen the returns.

A considerable amount of importations has also entered Wilmington, Mobile and the ports of Texas. Besides these, large quantities of clothing have been brought across the Potomac and the Chesapeake into the numerous rivers and creeks of Virginia, also from Ohio and other producing States of the West.

Events now transpiring in America show that we are quite as able to keep the field as is the enemy, and far more united. Respectfully, &c.,

M. F. MAURY.

No. 1 ALBEMARLE-STREET, Piccadilly, Dec. 22.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Four More Ballots for Speaker, and No Result.

THE U. S. SENATORSHIP.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1863.

It was curious to note this morning how sanguine certain parties who, since their adjournment yesterday, had been hard at work in "fixing things" were that it has now "all right." Some were entirely confident that Mr. DEAN would be chosen Speaker before the voting had proceeded much further, while others were equally confident that Mr. RAYMOND would be the lucky man. Others still rejected the pretensions of these gentlemen, and mysteriously asserted that everybody's nose would soon be out of joint, while in a manner charmingly confidential they confided to you the fact that there was going to be a new deal, which would produce a winning card, to the astonishment of all parties. But by far the largest number declared that they "could not see it," or anything else that looked like a solution of the question on which the Assembly is tied, and were content to float along with the current in the state of bliss incident to their confessed ignorance concerning the future.

And so it turned out. The House, after voting four times, with the same result as yesterday—63 for SMITH and 63 for DEAN—adjourned till to-morrow, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, (Republican,) of Tioga. Of course, the wise ones are now wiser than ever, and claim to see great significance in the result of the day, though no two agree.

Whether party usage has come to be less respected than formerly, and men are more disposed to independent action, or whether they are inclined to allow full force to the demonstrated fact that if the Assembly is organized at all, it must be in some other way than by voting day after day 63 to 63, there certainly is ground *for* the belief that this style of contest will not be long continued. It may be, consequently, that favorite plans will be frustrated, and expectations disappointed, by action prompted by considerations purely of a public nature, and in defiance of usage which, on account of its ancient character, has come to be regarded as nearly related to sacred right. Indeed, there is nothing more probable.

Every member, every outsider, not only perceives from the situation of things, but he knows from experience, that a contest such as has been commenced is not only futile, but in its tendency is demoralizing, inasmuch as it invokes the spirit of bargain and sale, and must be ended sooner or later. How it shall be ended should be a question for the members themselves to answer—not the lobby, or any "third house," however constituted. If men are to be deflected by good sense, and a patriotic desire to serve the public, from the straight line designated by caucus, it were better it should be at the earliest moment, after it has been demonstrated that the pursuit of that line will lead only to naught.

In former years, at the end of similar contests, we have heard charges of buying and selling, and other imputations, as little creditable to legislators as would be upon trafficking in votes. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this contest, neither in its progress nor conclusion, will be marked by anything of the sort, or give rise to the slightest suspicion that all the members were not actuated by a pure desire to serve not only their party, but the State, which claims their services, and demands, consequently, an early organization.

Whether the voting goes on for a day, a week or a month longer, it is clear that in the end somebody must give way; and I am prepared to believe that the inevitable contingency will not be postponed to this extreme period, but that members, realizing the impossibilities of the contest, and their own responsibilities, will put an end to it by action as independent as honorable.

Among the visitors at the Capital at the present time is GEORGE LAW, FERNANDO WOOD, HORACE GREELEY, and a large number of prominent lawyers from different quarters of the State. The members of the Bar are generally in attendance on the Court of Appeals. The other gentlemen are understood to have been attracted hither by an interest felt in the organization. Mr. WOOD holds frequent interviews with the New-York delegation, and is understood to regard the organization as particularly worthy of his attention, on account of the bearing it is conceived to have on the Senatorial question, and his own immediate prospects as the successor of Senator KING. Mr. WOOD makes no disguise of his purpose, and, it is said, does not hesitate to make free mention of the alliances he has formed, and on which he predicates his hopes of success. In so doing it is not doubted that he has a motive in exceeding the possible truth, for if credence were to be given to all that he is understood as claiming, that extremely unambitious and patriotic gentleman is fortunate in already having the active support of the most prominent men of all parties.

Whatever may be the support Mr. WOOD is authorized to expect outside of his party, it is entirely certain that he is by no means sure of receiving the support of all inside of it. The fact is, the claims and virtues of FERNANDO WOOD have not yet penetrated to the distant and unsophisticated rural districts, where live several gentlemen whose friends have conceived that they have at least equal claims to a seat in the United States Senate, whenever the Democratic party has it at its disposal. It is something that Mr. WOOD will have to bear some time yet, that in many parts of the State he is not appreciated, but is distrusted, as many good men before him have been; while in other parts the idea positively prevails that he has not the proper allowance of the qualities generally looked for in a man of high-toned principle and virtue. Moreover, he is suspected of entertaining a feeling for Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS of more regard than, under the circumstances, would be either delicate or patriotic.

Therefore, however the Senatorial question may be affected by combinations yet to take place, or by none at all, I do not believe that any state of things is to exist that will elevate FERNANDO WOOD to a Senatorial seat. In fact, I do not think that Democrats generally have very high expectations of securing the success to Mr. KING. The most that they can hope is to be in present a choice, and that contingency is confessedly very remote. The temper of neither the Democratic Party nor the people at large is favorable to such revolutionary proceedings, and I do not understand that provided they had the power the idea meets with much favor with Democrats generally.

To the Republican Union Party and its representatives in the Legislature, who will beyond hardly a doubt be called upon to make a choice, the Senatorial question is naturally and properly one of lively interest, for the State of the nation demands that New-York shall have not only her full representation in Congress, but that her voice shall be heard always against the rebellion and in favor of wise and patriotic measures looking to the perpetuity of the Union and the observance of every constitutional obligation. Fortunately it will not be difficult to have New-York thus represented, and the representatives on whom will devolve the selection are abundantly able to discharge the high duty.

The expression of preferences, though in some instances already freely made, as well as the question in its broader aspects, is properly received until the session is fairly launched.

It is conceded on all hands that Gov. SEWARD has done a sensible thing by sending into the Senate his Message, without waiting for the House to organize. Of the document itself his political friends are loud in its praise, and claim that it is the most statesmanlike document that has appeared within an indefinite number of years. Twenty thousand copies were moved in the Senate. RODERICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Hon. WM. CLARK, elected from the Fifteenth District in place of Hon. JOHN WILLIAS, deceased, appeared, was sworn, and took his seat.

Mr. CORNELL gave notice of a bill authorizing a railroad in Brooklyn and the Jamaica Plank-road.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice of a bill to improve Gilston-avenue, Brooklyn.

Numerous notices of bills were given to reimburse various localities for moneys advanced to volunteers.

Gov. SEYMOUR'S Message was presented by Mr. LORENZO L. DOTY, private Secretary *pro tem.*, and was read.

A resolution to print 20,000 extra copies of the Message was referred under the rule.

Mr. LOW moved to refer so much of the Message as relates to National affairs to a Special Committee of Five. He desired to take this out of the regular course because he (Low) thought there were some subjects contained in it that would astonish the country.

Mr. HASCUMBEN objected to the motion, and it was withdrawn.

Mr. SMITH introduced a bill to authorize the New-York Warehouse Company to build piers in the Twelfth Ward, Brooklyn.

Mr. CONNELLY introduced a bill to provide for the election of two additional Justices of the Supreme Court in the First District. Also, relative to forfeited recognizances in New-York.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS a Committee of three was appointed to investigate the alleged frauds in the passage or engrossing of the Militia bill last year.

On motion of Mr. RAMSEY, the papers in reference to the Poughkeepsie Railroad were referred a special Committee.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The Assembly met at 11 o'clock this morning. Four ballots were taken for Speaker, making seven in all, with exactly the same result. The vote stood as follows:

Gilbert Dean	63
Henry Sherwood	63

Adjourned.

A Letter from George Sanders.

HE SENDS GREETING "TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF THE TRIUMPHANT REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN NEW-YORK."

The Memphis *Bulletin* publishes the following curious letter:

ON THE WING, Dec. 24, 1862.

Hon. Gov. Seymour, Dem. Richmond, John Van Buren, Chas. O'Conor, Washington Hunt, Fernando Wood, and James Brooks, Representative Men of the Triumphant Revolutionary Party of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: I congratulate you upon the glorious success of November, 1862. The world has already accepted it as the evidence that there still exists in the North an appreciation of State and individual rights, and a genuine respect for progressive civilization, so horribly outraged during the conduct of this war by abolition officers, both civil and military. I trust that you will reflect, by resolute and decisive action, the indication signaled by the people at the ballot in this massive and successful effort, this outpouring of righteous scorn, against the mulatto usurpers who have kept you in lash for two years agone; the hucksters of your national reputation; the revelers in your national wealth and reputation—the fruits of long years of Democratic and Southern statesmanship, fidelity and forecast.

Civic law bleeds and humanity stands aghast at the atrocities of your humanitarians. State lines obliterated; rights of every kind—popular, religious and commercial—all swept into one common ruin; homes violated, rifled and burnt; private papers—sacred mementoes, national rewards for honorable conduct—ferociously destroyed or maliciously appropriated. Even the ashes of dead patriots, whose memory should be as dear to you as to us, desecrated and pilfered. Venerable citizens—matrons, maidens and infants—driven out to seek protection of charity. Mothers and daughters impertinently domineered over and insulted in the absence of their natural protectors. Even the negroes, that children-people who have never reached their majority in any age or country, and who owe whatever they possess of goodness, civilization, modesty and religion, to the Southern matron who has been their friend, nurse and guide, in benefits to them which generations of faithful service on their part cannot repay, and whose fidelity under all the cheating temptations and trying delusions to which they have been exposed is truly creditable to them, enticed or dragged away in ropes, the men cruelly worked down, the women, shrieking for help, brutally outraged in the presence of their husbands, children and mistresses—men, women and children left at last to suffer and perish starved and diseased roadsides. This is a slight synopsis of the memories of the abolition armies of your between Presidents.

Can you longer stand still while these things are being enacted before you? A programme of peace and settlement is what the people expect of you. All eyes are resting upon you for action.

You should at once proclaim to the world that not a dollar of the bonds—Federal, State and municipal—issued by the Federal usurpers for the prosecution of this unholy war, shall ever be paid. Few strangers have taken shares in the despotic loans, and this just blow will fall almost exclusively upon the usurpers. There is need that history should be marked by the utter annihilation of the debt created by the conspirators against the rights and liberties of American citizens and States. The licentious dollar should now receive such a retributive lesson, that a bar should be raised for all time against the prostitution of continent for the usurpation of the rights and liberties of sovereign citizens and States.

Not only do you owe it to yourselves to *repudiate every dollar* of this unconstitutional debt, but you owe it equally to your posterity to *pay the half*, if not all, *the debt the people of the South have had to incur* to maintain the rights of citizens and of States, in the establishment of free trade.

Do these things generously, nobly, and New-York City, as if by magic, will resume the enviable position she held before the black 6th of November, 1860. Her magnificent streets will continue their march upon Manhattan Island, and her Central Park will progress in multiplied masses of beauty, in statuary, and fountains, and foliage. True, your political relations with the South will probably never be restored, and it is now useless to discuss. But you will, nevertheless, gain much by the revolution. You will be rid of infidel Puritan rule, which has been nearly as oppressive and intolerable in New-York as in the South. You will have free navigation and free trade with the South, and (freer trade than ever) with the world.

Let heart and brain into the revolution; accelerate and direct the movement; get rid of the Baboon (or What is It?) ABRAHAM LINCOLN, pacifically if you can, but by the blood of his followers if necessary. Withdraw your support, material and moral, from the invading armies, and the South will make quick work with the Abolitionists that remain on her soil. Suffer no degenerate son of the South, upon however plausible pretext, to idly embarrass your action, by throwing into your way *rotten planks of reconstruction. Unity is no longer possible.* The very word Union, once so dear, has been made a cover for so many atrocious acts that the mere mention of it is *odious to the core of Southern people.* The State Legislatures will be called upon to obliterate the hated name from condition and towns.

Commercial relations are attainable, and every hour of alienation from the South is your loss. The recent elections show that New-York City is the centre of a circle of 100 miles radius, with a compact, active, organized majority of 50,000 against your abolitionized government. It has but to will, to do. Halfway measures, always unavailable to revolutionary necessities, will not avail you. Immediate, wholesale reconciliation is your only safety-valve.

Against the Abolition invasion the whole nation of the Southern Confederacy is now resolved into an army, the most numerous, intelligent and spirited the world ever saw—in good health and high discipline, ready to fall upon the enemy with that momentum which belongs only to the patient soldier, fired with indignation against the invader. While Abolition Generals have been successively withdrawn in disgrace from the field, our Generals and subordinate officers, brave and efficient from the first, have steadily increased in character and number. Never has an army been officered by such a body of accomplished, high-toned and gallant men as the Confederate army boasts to-day. And while her Generals give the greatest proof of their skill and science in the management of the war in whole, the country shows itself, through the cheerful sacrifices and noble aid of its women, and the daring mystery of its partisan chiefs and their intrepid followers, alive at every extremity.

On a recent visit to Europe, I found that of all Americans, past or present, none stand so high in public estimation, or exalted patriotism and statesmanship, as the President of the Southern Confederacy. Our Governors, orators and statesmen furnish you with models for emulation. Our women have excelled the virtuous daughters of the Colonial Revolution. Our clergy have nobly endured exile and imprisonment without falter.

Men of the revolution in New-York! a redeeming career lies open to you, in which you can protect yourselves and all that is so dear to you as citizens and Americans. I trust you will walk in it at whatever personal cost. Release your Press from censorship; your citizens from bastiles, your trade from shackles, your name from ignominious reproach.

GEORGE N. SANDERS.

GRAND ORGAN EXHIBITION.—To-night, at Christ Church, (Bedford-avenue,) Brooklyn, there will be an organ exhibition of more than average interest.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT, Thursday, Jan. 8—*Nos. 10, 12, 16, 17, 73.*

SUICIDE BY SHOOTING.—Coroner NORRIS held an inquest yesterday upon the body of Mr. JOHN SCHERPF, residing at No. 160 Fulton-avenue, who committed suicide about 12 o'clock the night previous by shooting himself with a pistol. He had been in a despondent state of mind for some time past, owing to reverses in business, and from the fact that one of his sons had recently been wounded in battle. He came home between 8 and 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and appeared as usual, but refused to go to bed. About midnight he retired to the parlor, and the report of a pistol was heard soon afterward. His wife and son Oscar discovered him lying on the floor, dead. Deceased was an Englishman, 39 years of age. The jury returned the verdict that he "came to his death from a pistol shot wound in the head, the same being his own act."

Vermont Wounded Soldiers.

Three hundred and twenty-five sick and wounded soldiers of Vermont regiments, will arrive here this (Thursday) morning, in charge of the Special Agent for Vermont, FRANK H. HOUSSOCK, Esq. These soldiers have been collected from the various hospitals in and around Washington by Mr. HOUSSOCK, by permission of the Secretary of War and the sanction of Surgeon-General HAMMOND, on the request of Gov. HOLBROOK; and they are to be forwarded to hospital in Brattleboro, Vt. Quartermaster JOHNSON has the steamer *Thomas P. Way* fitted up with every convenience for their reception, well warmed, and has a sufficient corps of assistants under Capt. RUSSELL, together with medical attendants furnished by Medical Inspector MACDONALD, to dress their wounds and otherwise minister to their wants. They will be furnished with an excellent breakfast on their arrival, and will proceed by an afternoon train to their destination, in charge of Mr. HOUSSOCK.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The announcement is made that this road will in a few days be reopened. It has already, since the war begun, been opened and reopened again and again with magical energy, at the cannon's mouth, and it is hoped that now the Government will fully protect it, and not merely to guard it by small squads of men as to tempt attack. It is highly important to the Government that this thoroughfare should be kept open; the mighty West demands it, and the public at large has felt its loss. And as it is presumable that no selfish interests prevail in high places disposed to slight this road, we may reasonably expect that it will be kept open from this time forth, and it will well repay any serious trouble to visit Harper's Ferry to Cumberland and view the destruction which has been repaired with a celerity and permanency unparalleled in the history of railroading. Z.

NEW-YEAR, Monday, Jan. 5, 1863.

Senator Doolittle.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It is no doubt true, as stated in the TIMES this day, that Senator DOOLITTLE is not a candidate for the place of Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and which we are glad to know; as we think that his place in the Senate as a patriotic, useful and industrious Senator, could not be easily made good.

Senator DOOLITTLE, although the representative of an extreme Northwestern State, has always, in his votes, shown that he represented the nationality of the whole country; North, South, East and West have been alike to him; he acts, in his public capacity, as if the harbor of New-York was Lake Michigan, although, coming from that location, it would only be natural where the preference should be placed.

We speak knowing him well, and having watched his public career, think we speak with knowledge and impartiality. A NEW-YORKER.

The Connecticut Nineteenth.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR,
ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 31, 1862.

To the Officers and Men of the Nineteenth Connecticut Volunteers:

The General Commanding desires to express his regret that a military necessity requires that the pleasant association between your regiment and himself, which has existed for three months, should be severed.

You will carry with you to your new field of labor his best wishes for your success, individually and collectively.

In your excellent conduct and exemplary discipline whilst under his command, receive his congratulations and thanks.

By command of Brig.-Gen. SLOUGH,
Military Governor, Alexandria.
ROLLIN C. GALE, Captain and A. A. G.

The Missouri Legislature.

JEFFERSON CITY, Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The resolution offered in the House yesterday, to memorialize Congress to pass an act excluding the slaves of loyal masters from the military lines of this State, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The joint session then convened to elect two United States Senators. John B. MCPHERSON was elected on the first ballot by 97 majority over ROBERT WILSON, for the term ending March 4. B. Gratz Brown, John S. Phelps, Samuel L. Glover and Sam'l M. Breckinridge were then nominated for the four years' term. The first ballot resulted as follows: Brown, 51; Phelps, 51; Glover, 34; Breckinridge, 11; Noel, 8.

SUPPLIES OF POSTAL CURRENCY.—We are requested to state that the Adams Express Company are to receive, next week, a further supply of two hundred thousand dollars in postal currency, for gratuitous distribution to Eastern railroads.

(Advertisement.)

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HERRING'S Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes, and HERRING'S new Patent Burglar-proof Safes, with HERRING & FOLLETT'S Patent Crystallized Iron—the only material which cannot be drilled—at No. 251 Broadway, New-York.

Passengers Arrived.

DEC. 30—By steamship *New-York*, from Bremen, &c.—C. A. C. Muller and family, Theodore Matchell, W. Von Sadas and family, Eberhard Foke, Capt. Alexander Rubie, Don Juan Martinez, Pale A. Wagstaff, James Scott, second, Franz Ewest and lady, Caroline A. Stenzel, E. Meyer, M. Bach, Bernhard Bach and family, Bernard and children, David Hirschorn, Jacob Friburg, Bertha Becker, Friederich Eberle, Charles Boeth, lady and children, M. De Bizaque, Lieut. Von Helldorf, A. Schneider, Chas. Eatzel, Lieut. Gustav A. Weber, R. Schaefer, Bertha Schroeder, Helene Schroeder, H. Stoll, Mr. Finard, J. Bouaran, Catharine Salari, Maria Marchin.

SUN RISES AND SETS THIS DAY.
Sun rises.... 7 32 | Sun sets.... 4 48 | Moon rises.... 6 3
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook. 3 32 | Gov. Island 12 32 | Hell Gate.... 11 02

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7.

Cleared.

Steamship Dudley Buck, Crane, Newbern, N. C., J. S. Whitney.
Ships In. George, Coffin, New-Bedford, George Shearer & Co.; Mary Ogden, Hathaway, San Francisco, Butler & Co.
Barks Comet, Merriam, Philadelphia, J. W. Hurd & Co.; Deneme, Parcels, Philadelphia, Southard, Wright & Hunter; Andes, Gardiner, Georgetown, Maxwell & Henry; Geo. Warren, Hortz, Philadelphia, Southard, Wright & Hunter; Monsoonan, Hammond, Charleston, T. J. Dwight; Frank (Br.), Stanwood, Philadelphia, Funk, Bro. & Co.
Brigs Thomas Owen, Patterson, Nassau, Thompson & Hunter; Triumph, Rodford, St. Johns, N. F., M. E. Green & Curry; C. H. Kennedy, Bain, Boston, Miller & Houseman; Persia (Br.), Baker, Aux Cayes, D. E. De Wolf.
Schooners Johanna Ward, Sweeney, Beaufort, S. C., Murray; John Holmes, Applegate, Washington, Van Brunt & Slight; Neptune, Bridge, Philadelphia, Van Brunt & Slight; Daniel Townsend, Townsend, Baltimore, M. F. Runyan & Co.; J. E. Allen, Adams, Washington, J. L. McCready & Co.; John Williams, (Br.,) Knowles, Nassau, N. P., Western Star, Beaver, Bermuda, N. H. Brigham; Henry Brown, Seaman, Washington, Van Brunt & Slight; E. G. Whilldon, Steel, Philadelphia, James Hand; Sunny, Scarse, Boston, S. W. Lewis; Emily Fowler, Willard, Norwich, Bentley, Smith & Co.; Selah B. Strong, Tyler, Washington, J. Smith & Co.; Mary, Tice, Philadelphia, J. W. McKee; Robert Boyd, (Br.,) Kernan, Rio Grande del Sud, D. E. De Wolf.
Sloop W. D. Mangum, Thrasher, Tannton.

Arrived.

U. S. sloop-of-war Vandalia, H. S. Woolsey, Port Royal, S. C., 7 ds. Jan. 2, and S. of Cape Hatteras, experienced a heavy gale from the N.
Steamship New-York, (Brem.,) Weake, Bremen Dec. 21, and Southampton 24th at 4 P. M. with mdse. and 166 passengers to Ostricke & Co. Arr. off Sandy Hook at 3 A. M.; had strong westerly gales first part of passage, and on the 6th and 8th December a severe hurricane; latter part variable winds and fog. Dec. 24, off the Needles, passed Hamburg steamship Saxonia, bound in; Jan. 6, off Nantucket, passed steamship Great Eastern, hence for Liverpool, and off Fire Island, Bremen ship Washington, Windham, from Bremerhaven Oct. 18, for New-York.
U. S. steam transport City of Bath, (of Boston,) from New-Orleans Dec. 26, and Key West Jan. 3, in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.
Steam transport Diamond State, Webb, Washington, D. C., in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.
Steamer Westchester, Nye, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.
Steamer Octorara, McLaughlin, Baltimore, with mdse. to Wm. Baird.
Steamer Jonathan Thompson, Cassell, Baltimore, with mdse. to Wm. Baird.
Bark Lockmaw, (Br. of Demerara,) Hix, Antwerp Oct. 25, with load to master. Has had spars, sails, &c., having experienced heavy westerly gales during the passage, and boisterous weather to the eastward of the Grand Bank; saw several spars, the remains of a wreck, also casks, lumber, &c.
Bark James Welsh, (Br., of and from Bathurst, New-Brunswick,) Dixon Dec. 12, with mdse. to F. Alexander & Son.
Bark Mount Vernon, (Br., of Cardiff,) Morrellas & Co., with mdse. to E. Cayler De Bayler & Co.
Brig George Antonio, (Fr.,) de La Harrier, Martinique 23 ds., in ballast to King & Gerlach.
Brig Black Hawk, (Br., of P. E. I.,) McLeod, St. Thomas Dec. 24, and Grand Turk 28th, in ballast to Tynan & Smith.
Brig John Butler, (Br., of Lunenburg, N. S.,) Knowlan, Gonaives, logwood to C. F. & H. G. Schmidt & Co.
Brig Aurora, (of Trenton,) Clark, Baltimore 8 ds., with mdse. to B. F. Isaacs. Has had heavy weather.
Schr. Snow Squall, (of Gloucester,) Stanwood, Cardenas 15 ds., with molasses to Mason & Hamlen.
Schr. Mary Farrow, Congdon, Boston, with hay for Fortune, Bonner.
Schr. Glenwood, Baylis, Newbern, N. C., with naval stores to Bunker, Son & Co.
Schr. G. R. G. Thompson, Hallock, 10 ds., with cats to D. R. De Wolf.
Schr. American Eagle, Pettengill, Eastport 12 ds., with laths to J. Stevens & Son.
Schr. Pearl, Cobleigh, Saco 7 ds., with boarding to Waydell & Co.
Schr. E. P. Chase, Price, Vinalhaven 9 ds., with stone for Staten Island.
Schr. Panama, Allen, Ellsworth